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Disappointed Opossum Tucks Sparkly 2013 Glasses Away

A New Year's Eve opossum drop that attracts thousands of people in Brasstown, N.C., will go on this year, with one big change: It won't involve a live opossum. Last month, a judge ruled that a state agency lacked authority to issue a permit for the drop. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals had sued. Clay Logan, who has been doing the drop for years, says he's considering using a stuffed animal or maybe roadkill this year. (AP)

INSTRUCTIONS

"Fully disconnect the brain-stem from the body through either blunt force or full head removal."

— A TOP-SECRET BRITISH GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT, REVEALED AFTER A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST, DETAILING HOW CIVIL SERVANTS SHOULD RESPOND TO A ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE, THE TELEGRAPH REPORTED THURSDAY

REGRETS

'I Found Your Dog! My Name Is Tigerlily Higgenbottom'

"Mystic River" and "Gone Baby Gone" author Dennis Lehane is offering an unusual reward for the person who finds his family's beloved missing beagle. Lehane says he'll name a character in his next book after whoever finds Tessa, who disappeared from the family's home in Brookline, Mass., this week. (AP)

The Big Picture

AP

APOCALYPSE MAKES LAME, LAST-DITCH EFFORT: A crowd gathers Wednesday around a sinkhole in the middle of a road in downtown Taiyuan, in northern China's Shanxi province. There was no report of injuries after the road caved in.

Congress Bickers on Fiscal Cliff

After progress stalls, Obama to meet with GOP leaders Friday

Washington

President Barack Obama returned to the White House on Thursday from a vacation shortened by government gridlock while Democrats and Republicans snarled across a partisan divide and showed no sign of compromise to avoid year-end tax increases and spending cuts.

White House aides disputed reports that Obama was sending lawmakers a scaled-down plan to avoid the fiscal cliff. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell said late Thursday that congressional leaders will meet with Obama on Friday.

Top Senate leaders said they remain ready to seek a last-minute agreement.

Fighting Words

"[Boehner seems] to care more about keeping his speakership than keeping the nation on a firm financial footing."

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER HARRY REID, REFERRING TO THE STALLED NEGOTIATIONS ON A PLAN TO AVERT THE FISCAL CLIFF

"Republicans have bent over backwards. We stepped way, way out of our comfort zone."

SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER MITCH MCCONNELL, BLAMING THE STANDOFF ON PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AND THE DEMOCRATS

But a little more than four days from the deadline, there was no legislation pending in either the House or the Senate to prevent the tax hikes and spending cuts that economists say could send the economy into a recession.

Far from conciliatory, the rhetoric was confrontational and at times unusually personal.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., accused House Speaker John Boehner of running a dictatorship, citing his refusal to call a vote on legislation to keep taxes steady for most while letting them rise at upper incomes. The bill "would pass overwhelmingly," Reid said.

Addressing the GOP rank and file by conference call, Boehner said the next move is up to the Senate, which has yet to act on House-passed bills to retain expiring tax cuts at all income levels and replace across-the-board spending cuts with targeted savings aimed largely at social programs.

"The House will take this action on whatever the Senate can pass — but the Senate must act," he said.

At the same time, Boehner told Republican lawmakers the House would convene Sunday evening.

DAVID ESPO (AP)

Backstory

Failure to avoid the fiscal cliff doesn't necessarily mean tax increases and spending cuts would become permanent, since the new Congress could pass legislation canceling them retroactively after it begins its work in 2013. Without congressional action, current tax rates will expire Dec. 31, resulting in a $536 billion tax increase over a decade that would touch nearly all Americans. (AP)

Hawaii's Schatz Sworn In as New Senator

Washington

Brian Schatz, who had been serving as Hawaii's lieutenant governor, was sworn in Thursday to take the seat of the late Democratic Sen. Daniel Inouye, who died last week of respiratory complications.

Schatz

Schatz, 40, was selected for the post Wednesday by Gov. Neil Abercrombie, who said his decision was "in the best interest of the party, the state of Hawaii and the nation."

Schatz accompanied President Barack Obama aboard Air Force One on an overnight flight to Washington and took the oath of office, administered by Vice President Joe Biden, on Thursday. (BLOOMBERG)

A Bright Side to Northeast's Winter Snowstorm

MATTHEW CAVANAUGH/GETTY IMAGES

SIX-YEAR-OLD AMAYA EDDY is pulled in a sled by her father Thursday in Greenfield, Mass. A serious winter storm that caused tornadoes in the South on Christmas Day and was blamed for at least 16 deaths swept across the Northeast on Thursday, bringing snow, sleet and rain, trapping travelers and causing dangerous travel conditions.

In Brief

AP

WASHINGTON

Retired Gen. Schwarzkopf Dies at 78, Official Says

A U.S. official says retired Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, who commanded the U.S.-led international coalition that drove Saddam Hussein's forces out of Kuwait in 1991, has died. He was 78. The official said Schwarzkopf died Thursday in Tampa, Fla. He was known popularly as "Stormin' Norman" for a notoriously explosive temper. (AP)

LOS ANGELES

L.A. Woman Set on Fire While Asleep on Bench

Los Angeles police have arrested a man for allegedly setting a 67-year-old woman on fire as she was sleeping on a bus bench. Authorities say the man, who is in his 20s, was arrested early Thursday. The woman, who may be homeless, is in critical condition. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Baby Recliners Recalled After at Least 5 Deaths

Four national retailers agreed to recall more than 150,000 Nap Nanny baby recliners sold between 2009 and 2012 after at least five infant deaths and dozens of reports of injuries, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Thursday. (AP)

BOSTON

Mass. Rep. Markey May Run For Sen. Kerry's Seat

Massachusetts U.S. Rep. Edward Markey said Thursday he'll run for John Kerry's U.S. Senate seat if Kerry is confirmed as the nation's new secretary of state. (AP)

Holiday Schedule

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Nation

'We're Sitting Ducks'

Calls to arm teachers ratchet up in wake of Newtown massacre

West Valley City, Utah

English teacher Kevin Leatherbarrow holds a license to carry a concealed weapon and doesn't see anything wrong with arming teachers in the aftermath of the deadly Connecticut school shooting.

"We're sitting ducks," said Leatherbarrow, who works at a Utah charter school. "You don't have a chance in hell. You're dead — no ifs, ands or buts."

Gun-rights advocates in Utah agree and on Thursday were offering six hours of training in handling concealed weapons for 200 Utah teachers in the latest effort to arm educators for confronting possible school assailants.

In Ohio, a firearms group said it was launching a test program in tactical firearms training for 24 teachers. And the Arizona attorney general is proposing a change to state law to allow an educator in each school to carry a gun.

The moves come after the National Rifle Association proposed placing an armed officer at each of the nation's schools after a gunman on Dec. 14 killed 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

There are already police officers in some of the nation's schools. Parents and educators, however, have questioned how safe the NRA proposal would keep kids, whether it would be economically feasible and how it would alter student life.

Some educators say it is dangerous to allow guns. Among the dangers are teachers being overpowered for their weapons or students getting them and accidentally or purposely shooting classmates.

"It's a terrible idea," said Carol Lear, a chief lawyer for the Utah Office of Education. "It's a horrible, terrible, no-good, rotten idea."

PAUL FOY (AP)

Meanwhile ...

The children at Sandy Hook Elementary School won't be returning to classes until Jan. 3 — they're slated to attend a different school — but officials from the town, school district and local agencies are doing their best in the meantime to keep them occupied following a massacre at their school two weeks ago. The Newtown Youth Academy, a nonprofit sports center, opened its doors to all kids in town at no cost shortly after the shooting, and some celebrities, including two members of the Harlem Globetrotters and former University of Connecticut basketball star Tina Charles, have stopped by. (AP)

EPA Chief Announces Resignation

Washington

EPA administrator Lisa Jackson, the Obama administration's chief environmental watchdog, is stepping down after nearly four years marked by high-profile brawls over global warming pollution, the Keystone XL oil pipeline, new controls on coal-fired plants and several other issues that affect the nation's economy and people's health.

Jackson, 50, the agency's first black administrator and a chemical engineer, did not point to any particular reason for her departure.

Despite the opposition, which former EPA chiefs have said is the worst they have seen against the agency, Jackson still managed to take significant steps that will improve air quality and begin to curb global warming.

"I will leave the EPA confident the ship is sailing in the right direction, and ready in my own life for new challenges," she said in a statement.

Jackson

Jackson will leave sometime after President Barack Obama delivers his State of the Union address, typically in late January.

In a separate statement, Obama said Jackson has been "an important part of my team." He thanked her for serving and praised her "unwavering commitment" to the public's health. (AP)

Hearsay

"The livelihood of thousands of Florida families lies in the balance. Florida's largest ports could be shut down. This is an issue of not just Florida importance but of national importance."

— **FLORIDA GOV. RICK SCOTT,** WARNING THURSDAY THAT A LOOMING STRIKE OVER CONTRACT EXTENSIONS FOR PORT DOCKWORKERS ON THE EAST AND GULF COASTS COULD HAVE DEVASTATING EFFECTS ON THE STATE'S ECONOMY

$773M **The amount** Ford Motor Co. said Thursday it's spending to expand six Michigan manufacturing plants while adding 2,350 factory jobs in the state, part of a broader investment plan. (AP)

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World

In Brief

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Police stand Thursday in New Delhi as demonstrations over a gang rape grow.

NEW DELHI

PM Vows to Help Nation's Women After Gang Rape

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh pledged Thursday to take action to protect the nation's women as the victim of a brutal gang rape on a New Delhi bus was flown to Singapore for medical treatment. The Dec. 16 rape of the 23-year-old triggered mass protests, including a march Thursday. (AP)

MADRID

Spain Plans to Test DNA Of Immigrant Families

Spain plans to check the DNA of immigrant children arriving in Melilla from North Africa to make sure the adults are their parents, officials said Thursday. Officials suspect many immigrants from North Africa claim to be families because families have a better chance of being granted Spanish residency. (AP)

Hearsay

"No one in the opposition can accept this, and if they accept it, it will be refused by the Syrian people."

—**BASSAM AL-DADA,** A TURKEY-BASED COORDINATOR WITH THE OPPOSITION FREE SYRIAN ARMY, ON THURSDAY REJECTING CALLS BY RUSSIA AND THE U.N. FOR THE RESUSCITATION OF A PEACE PLAN FOR SYRIA THAT WOULD ALLOW BASHAR ASSAD TO STAY IN POWER

Putin Backs U.S. Adoption Ban

Opposition leaders decry efforts to keep orphans in Russia

Moscow

"I still don't see any reasons why I should not sign it."

—**RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN,** SPEAKING THURSDAY ABOUT WHETHER HE WOULD ENACT A CONTROVERSIAL BILL IN RUSSIA THAT WOULD PROHIBIT AMERICANS FROM ADOPTING RUSSIAN CHILDREN

Russian President Vladimir Putin, acceding to the anti-American fervor that has gripped the country's legislature, said Thursday that he intends to sign a bill barring Americans from adopting Russian children.

Kremlin officials had criticized the bill, which was designed as a means of retaliation against a new U.S. law that targets corrupt Russian officials, but Putin has chosen not to heed their advice.

Having spent the past year stoking hostility toward the U.S., he is now faced with an emotional response from parliament that seems to be on the verge of getting away from him. Though he questioned the adoption bill earlier this month, and Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, among others, have called it ill-advised, on Thursday Putin said he intends to sign it.

Journalist Alexander Minkin on a blog described the Russian bill as "cannibalistic": With Americans placing sanctions on certain corrupt Russian bureaucrats, he wrote, Moscow strikes back by punishing its own orphans.

Under Scrutiny

Russia is not the first country to curb adoptions by Americans:

- China enacted strict guidelines in 2006 to limit the number of adoption applicants from the U.S.
- Vietnam stopped adoptions to the U.S. in 2008 after reports of middlemen coercing or bribing poor parents to give up their children.
- Ethiopia slowed U.S. adoptions in 2011 after reports of fraud. (TWP)

The adoption law is a benchmark in the recent deterioration of Russia-U.S. relations.

The move abruptly cancels a painstakingly negotiated bilateral agreement regulating American adoptions of Russians. That agreement went into effect just weeks ago, but Putin has already described the agreement as ineffective and a case of "sham stupidity."

The Kremlin's children's rights ombudsman, Pavel Astakhov, on Thursday also petitioned Putin to extend the ban to other countries.

"This is cynicism beyond limits," opposition leader Ilya Yashin tweeted. "The children rights ombudsman is depriving children of a future."

Russian officials say they want to encourage more Russians to adopt Russian orphans. (THE WASHINGTON POST/AP)

Floods Slowly Recede in Baghdad

KARIM KADIM/AP

AN IRAQI SOLDIER ESCORTS A FAMILY through a flooded street in Baghdad on Thursday. Unusually heavy rains—the heaviest in the Iraqi capital this year—collapsed shoddy houses on Tuesday, killing four people, officials said.

Egypt Orders Treason Inquiry For Opposition

Cairo

Egypt's chief prosecutor ordered an investigation on Thursday into allegations that opposition leaders committed treason by urging supporters to overthrow Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.

The probe by a Morsi-appointed prosecutor was launched a day after the president called for a dialogue with the opposition to heal rifts opened in the bitter fight over an Islamist-drafted constitution just approved in a referendum. The opposition decried the investigation and the probe was almost certain to sour the already tense political atmosphere in the country. (AP)

One-Trick Pony: A tiny pony is back at its Austrian circus home more than a week after apparently being kidnapped by a woman who wanted to give her sick daughter a Christmas surprise. Circus director Adolf Lauenburger told the Austria Press Agency on Thursday that a woman called Wednesday to say that the pony could be found near a Vienna bus stop. She told circus officials that she decided she couldn't keep the animal, Lauenburger said. (AP)

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EXPLORATION

Put on Ice

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Mexico City Transforming Itself

Mexico City

The plan is as big as this mammoth city: Turn a seedy metro hub into Mexico City's Times Square; clear swarms of feisty vendors and remodel the historic Alameda Central; and illuminate the plazas and walkways of a park twice the size of New York's Central Park.

Mexico City's government is trying to transform one of the world's largest cities by beautifying public spaces, parks and monuments after decades of urban growth.

"It's time to tame the city," said Juan Carlos de Leo Gandara, head of the Iberoamerican University's sustainable urban projects.

ALEXANDRE MENEGHINI/AP

Backstory

Mexico City's makeover is turning the city into an experiment in how to soften urban sprawl. One completed project is a once-neglected plaza with an Arc de Triomphe-style monument to Mexico's 1910 revolution, above. The plaza has been remade at a cost of $28.6 million, morphing from a homeless encampment into an oasis of fountains where families bring their children to frolic. **(AP)**

The ambitious multimillion-dollar program — begun by then-Mayor Marcelo Ebrard and continued by his successor, Miguel Angel Mancera — is winning praise from urban planners and many residents.

Still, in a city defined in many ways by disorder, it is also being slammed by those who take pride in surviving the urban jungle.

"The city is becoming soulless," said Baltazar Romeo, 47.

Some also wonder whether it will last.

"How is this work going to look in the next five months, or five years?" asked de Leo Gandara. "Will they preserve it?"

ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON (AP)

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Where'd We Go?

Doesn't it feel like it was just last week that you couldn't use an escalator at Dupont South? Well, chances are there were some mechanical difficulties with the shiny, new "transit-grade" machinery a week ago. But I'm thinking back to Washington's biggest transportation stories of the year, and nothing beats the reopening of that entrance in October after a more than eight-month shutdown.

That's probably because no other story involved Krispy Kreme employees in doughnut-topped baseball hats handing out free samples.

Even when travel didn't come with dessert, however, we still had to get around town. So let's glaze over what happened the rest of the year.

The freebies were less fun in the buildup to June's launch of Metro's Rush+ — "Rush Hour Reinvented." All I got was a leaflet explaining the new train pattern that was designed to improve service on the Orange and Yellow lines. But I'm really glad I didn't get the extra treat especially for Blue Line riders: way-longer waits.

Along with Rush+ came some interior redecorating, as Metro's iconic map needed a makeover. It ended up not looking all that different from the previous incarnation, and whatever confusion was added with all of those dashed lines has hopefully been balanced out by the mercifully shorter station names. Farewell forever, "Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan"!

But just as I was finally getting used to saying the word "NoMa" nonironically (almost), Metro threw me for another loop. Over the years, I'd developed a habit of always checking the station kiosk clocks while entering and exiting. And then one day in August, I looked up and saw the time was missing.

Turns out the clocks were getting replaced with LCD screens that now — finally! — tell time and will eventually broadcast service disruptions, the status of all five lines and other worthwhile tidbits.

By Vicky Hallett

If service is looking truly screwed up, perhaps my SmarTrip card can save the day somehow. After all, those pieces of plastic got even smarter this summer.

In addition to letting you through the fare gates, they can hold rail passes and connect with your credit card for automatic refills. They'll also save you from paying the buck surcharge that's been levied on every single paper farecard ride since July 1. (One significantly less awesome change this year is that you need at least $1.20 on your card to go anywhere.)

A safer bet if Metro's a mess? Heading outside and hopping into a car2go. D.C.'s second car-sharing service started up in March, and those white-and-blue vehicles have become a viable option for folks looking for a one-way lift because you can drop them off anywhere in the city.

It's like taking a cab — only you're in control. That also sounds like a good definition for Uber, which officially came to town in December 2011 but got plenty of attention this year from the D.C. Council, which went back and forth with measures on how to treat the app-based car service. The result? It seems to be legal and sticking around Washington in 2013.

And so am I! See you next year.

Time Travelers

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Local

2012: Warmest Year on Record

D.C.'s average temp blows past previous record, set in 1991

Washington

2012 was a year of crazy weather in Washington, D.C., from the nearly snowless winter to the summer's scorching heat and high-energy derecho to Superstorm Sandy. But the year will have an asterisk next to it for achieving perhaps the most remarkable milestone: warmest on record.

The record will be broken by a landslide. With only a few days left in the year, D.C. should finish 1.3 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than the previous warmest year on record, 1991. D.C.'s weather records date back to 1871.

For the remaining 100 hours (or so) in 2012, Washington, D.C.'s temperature would have to average about 80 degrees below zero not to break the record.

2012's exceptional warmth stands out most when you consider the previous nine warmest years are all clustered within 0.9 degrees of one another, whereas 2012 is 1.3 degrees above 1991, the second warmest year.

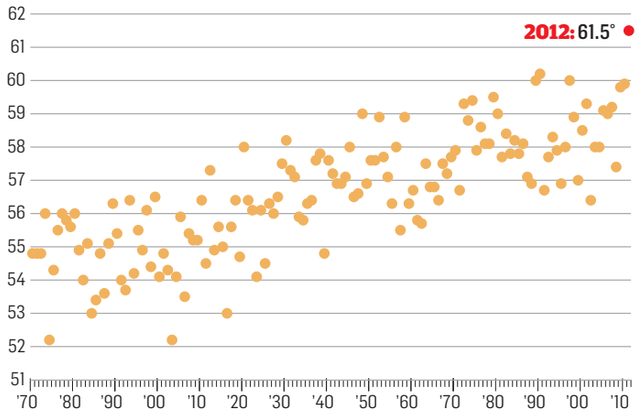
What was driving this durably warm pattern? The main culprit appears to be a hypercharged response to what is known as a negative Pacific Decadal Oscillation, or PDO.

The PDO pattern is characterized by warm waters in the North Pacific between the Aleutians and Hawaii with cold waters extending from the Gulf of Alaska down the western coasts of Canada and the U.S. At times, that warmth in the North Pacific was stronger than anything seen before.

It offers a positive feedback mechanism for big warm ridging in the jet stream pattern in the North Pacific Ocean and cool to cold troughing toward the West Coast. This seesaw effect leads to a downstream warm and dry ridge in the middle to eastern thirds of North America. MATT ROGERS (CAPITAL WEATHER GANG)

Heating Up

Annual average temperatures in Washington, D.C., dating back to 1871.



*Assuming an average temperature of 35 degrees for the last five days of December in computing December 2012 temperature. (TWP GRAPHIC)

Rep. Norton Wants House Vote Reinstated

Washington

District of Columbia Mayor Vincent Gray and the city's elected representative to Congress, Eleanor Holmes Norton, are calling on Congress to restore Norton's ability to vote on the House floor.

Norton and Gray held a news conference Thursday to announce her intention.

Norton has represented the district in Congress since 1991. The Democrat has never been a full voting member but had previously been allowed to vote in the House Committee of the Whole. That gave her the ability to vote on proposed changes to legislation, though not on their passage. Republicans took that ability away in 2011 after gaining control of the chamber, and they still hold the majority. (AP)

Md. May Designate a State Sandwich

Annapolis, Md.

When Maryland lawmakers reconvene next month, they'll debate some weighty issues, including gun control, alternative energy and transportation funding.

They'll also tackle this: whether the Free State needs a state sandwich.

Legislation introduced in advance of the session that starts Jan. 9 would designate the soft-shell crab sandwich as Maryland's official "state sandwich."

The crab is usually pan-fried, placed between two pieces of bread (toasted if preferred) and accompanied by the likes of mustard, lettuce and tomato.

Sen. Richard F. Colburn (R-Dorchester), the bill sponsor in the Senate, argued that the promotion of "a Maryland delicacy" would help the restaurant business as well as struggling watermen who harvest crabs in the Eastern Shore counties he represents.

And why not? "We've got a Maryland everything," Colburn said.

Like many of its counterparts, Maryland has designated a state tree (the white oak), a state bird (the Baltimore oriole), a state fish (the striped bass) and a state flower (the black-eyed Susan).

"I know there are a lot of people who think this is kind of silly, but we won't spend a lot of time on it," said House Majority Leader Kumar P. Barve (D-Montgomery). "These things are brief diversions."

JOHN WAGNER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

LOIS RAIMONDO/TWP

A soft-shell crab po'boy sandwich is shown at the Annapolis Seafood Market in 2009.

In Brief

KATHERINE FREY/TWP

Maryland Live! now allows gambling 24 hours a day at Arundel Mills Mall.

HANOVER, MD.

Maryland's Largest Casino Open 24 Hours

Maryland's largest casino will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Maryland Live! at Arundel Mills Mall unlocked its doors for the last time Thursday morning. Next month, construction teams at Maryland Live! will be making modifications to add more than 150 table games to the casino floor. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Man Robs Bank Blocks From White House

D.C. police are looking for a man who robbed a bank just a few blocks from the White House. Police say the robbery occurred at the SunTrust Bank branch on 17th Street NW, near the Farragut West Metro station downtown. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Dec. 27

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	2-1-6
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	2-2-9
Mid-day DC 4	0-9-7-4
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	8-7-3-3
Mid-day D.C. Five	0-5-2-0-7
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	9-9-5-6-4
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	7-19-32-34-35 (19)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	3-8-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-7-8
Mid-day Pick 4	1-6-9-0
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	0-6-4-9
Match 5 (Wed.)	1-4-8-10-17 (22)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	2-20-22-38-40-43

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	3-3-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-1-8
Mid-day Pick 4	3-2-5-3
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-6-4-0
Mid-day Cash 5	4-16-22-24-30
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	3-7-9-10-17
Win for Life (Wed.)	5-10-16-25-30-34 (17)

Multi-State Games

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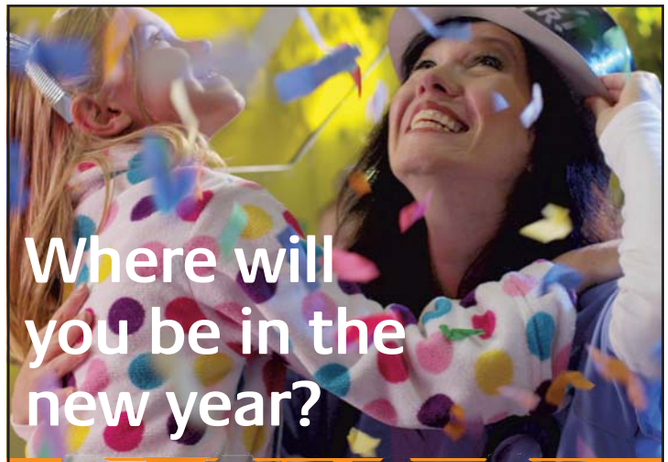

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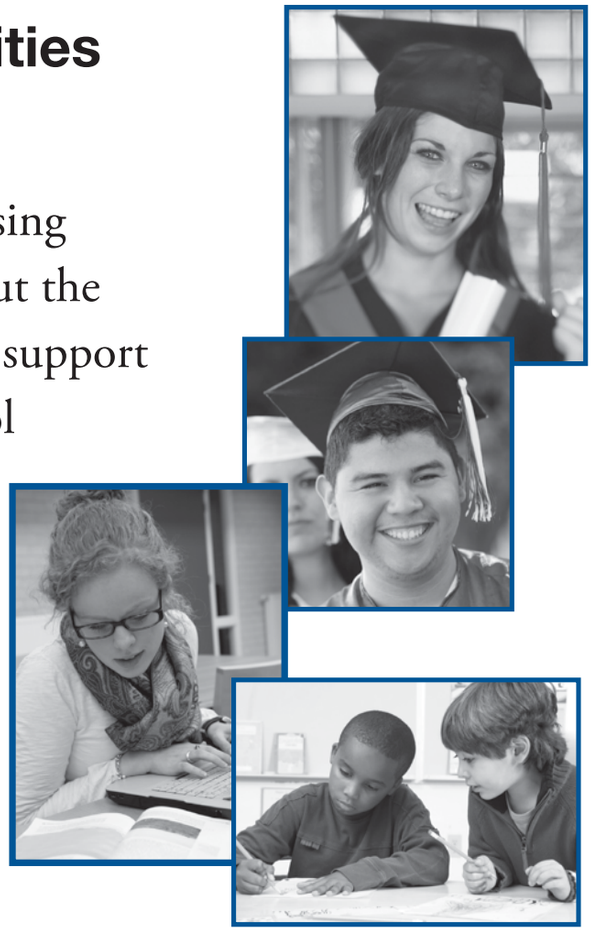

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TV Lineup

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Virginia Tech is 0-5 when Logan Thomas throws more than one interception.

Friday

5:30 P.M. Virginia Tech had to win the final two games of the season to make its 20th straight bowl. The Hokies will face Rutgers in the Russell Athletic Bowl. ESPN

7 P.M. The Wizards will try to end their eight-game skid when they host the Magic at Verizon Center. CSN

Saturday

3:15 P.M. Two of the nation's top passing attacks will be on display in a former Big East battle between West Virginia and Syracuse in the Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium. ESPN

4 P.M. Navy has won seven of its past eight games and will play Arizona State in the Fight Hunger Bowl. ESPN2

6:45 P.M. Two top-25 teams face off in the Alamo Bowl when No. 23 Texas plays No. 13 Oregon State. ESPN

8 P.M. The Wizards have just one road win all season. Maybe No. 2 will come in Chicago. CSN

Sunday

1 P.M. Coach Chuck Pagano will return to the sidelines after a three-month fight with leukemia to lead the Colts vs. the Texans.

1 P.M. The Giants are holding on to slim playoff hopes as they host the Eagles. Fox

4:25 P.M. The Patriots have a chance at a bye with a win over the Dolphins and some help elsewhere. CBS

Revving Up the Rivalry

Redskins, Cowboys to battle for NFC East in prime-time duel

Redskins

There have been epic Cowboys-Redskins battles over the years, but it's safe to say that Sunday's renewal of the long-standing rivalry may be the biggest yet.

8:20 P.M.
Sunday | NBC

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Robert Griffin III, left, led the Redskins to a 38-31 win over the Cowboys in the rivals' first meeting of the season on Thanksgiving.

The NFC East is on the line in the Week 17 prime-time showdown, with the victor going to the playoffs and the loser likely going home. For the first time in nearly 30 years, the prize is about much more than bragging rights.

"It's going to be an incredibly competitive atmosphere," left tackle Trent Williams said. "Both teams want to get into the playoffs so badly. We're both coming off seasons that we're not so proud of. The stakes are high, the emotions are going to be high. We basically have to be perfect if we want to win this game."

While the Redskins haven't been perfect during their remarkable six-game winning streak — the team's longest in 16 years — they've done the right things on both sides of the ball to put themselves into position to do what had been the unthinkable (especially when they were 3-6).

"When you see teams that make the playoffs, they make runs like that," veteran tight end Chris Cooley said. "They figure out how to win big games at the end of the year."

Since Mike Shanahan seemingly gave up on the 2012 season by stressing the importance of evaluating players for the future after a Week 9 loss to the Panthers, the Redskins coach has pushed all the right buttons to get his team in the playoff hunt.

"We've been playing for all the marbles over the last six weeks, and we knew it," Shanahan said. "We sat down at 3-6 and we put the schedule on the board — what we had to do each week and how we had to concentrate and what the other teams had to do. But we had to take care of our business. We've been in that situation for a while, and I think our players are used to it."

The Cowboys have been in a playoffs-or-bust scenario twice since 2008 and lost both games. The Redskins would like nothing more than to extend that ignominious streak.

"We can definitely sense how the fans feel, how some of the guys that have been here for many years feel about the Cowboys, and that's the mindset we have to take on because we're not just doing it for ourselves, we're doing it for them," quarterback Robert Griffin III said. "We're doing it for the fans. It's really exciting." ELLIOTT SMITH (FOR EXPRESS)

Three Things to Watch

1. Where's Ware?
Dallas Pro Bowl linebacker DeMarcus Ware is dealing with shoulder and elbow injuries. If he's not 100 percent, it would be a huge blow to the Cowboys' pass rush, which was ineffective with Ware out for half of last week's game.

2. FedEx Frenzy
The biggest home game in years and a full day of, ahem, preparation should make for a raucous home-field advantage for the Redskins. Can the full-throated crowd fluster Dallas quarterback Tony Romo?

3. Dez Detail
Washington's secondary has been much improved over the second half of the season but will face a huge challenge in slowing Dez Bryant, who has continued to play well despite a broken finger. (EXPRESS)

How They Get In
Playoff Scenarios

- If Redskins win or tie Sunday night, they win the NFC East
- If Redskins lose, they make the playoffs with losses by the Bears and Vikings

A History of Losing Must-Win Games

Romo has struggled in critical moments during entire career

Cowboys

The Dallas Cowboys have done this before: enter Week 17 with a playoff spot on the line. And in 2008 and again in 2011 it ended in an embarrassing loss to an NFC East foe.

Last year, the Giants raced to a 21-0 halftime lead and went on to beat the Cowboys 31-14 to capture the division title. In 2008, it was the Eagles who destroyed the Cowboys' playoff hopes with a dominating 44-6 win.

Dallas quarterback Tony Romo is 1-5 all-time in win-or-go-home games in Week 17 and the postseason. As a team, Dallas has lost 10 of its past 12 Week 17 games.

If the Cowboys are going to reverse the trend, it will be up to Romo. The 32-year-old helped turn around the Cowboys' season with a 5-2 record down the stretch.

Since a Nov. 4 loss, Romo has thrown 16 touchdowns to three interceptions.

Since a 19-13 loss to Atlanta on Nov. 4, Romo has thrown 16 touchdowns to just three interceptions. And his main target, Dez Bryant, has a touchdown catch in each of those seven games.

The Romo-Bryant connection has turned into one of the league's most dangerous duos. Last week against the Saints, Bryant went for 224 yards and had two 58-yard touchdowns.

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Tony Romo is 1-5 all-time in win-or-go-home games in Week 17 and the postseason.

But it came in a losing effort.

Romo has become accustomed to putting up big numbers without having the wins to back up his résumé. Despite just one career postseason victory, Romo has the fourth-best career passer rating (96.1) in NFL history — just ahead of four-time league MVP Peyton Manning (95.5).

NFC Playoff Picture

CURRENT SEED	W-L	NEXT
1. Atlanta*	13-2	vs. Tampa Bay
2. Green Bay*	11-4	at Minnesota
3. San Fran.**	10-4-1	vs. Arizona
4. Washington	9-6	vs. Dallas
5. Seattle**	10-5	vs. St. Louis
6. Minnesota	9-6	vs. Green Bay
7. Chicago	9-6	at Detroit
8. Dallas	8-7	at Washington
9. N.Y. Giants	8-7	vs. Philadelphia

*Clinched division
**Clinched playoff berth

With the NFC East up for grabs in Sunday night's showdown vs. the Redskins, Romo has another opportunity to prove he can step up in big games. JEFFREY TOMIK (EXPRESS)

Sunday Pick'Em

	Matt Swenson, SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR, EXPRESS	Clinton Yates, LUNCH LINE, EXPRESS	Dan Steinberg, D.C. SPORTS BOG, THE WASHINGTON POST	Thomas Keeffe, BAR MANAGER, PUBLIC BAR
EAGLES (PLUS 7.5) AT GIANTS	**GIANTS** Eagles couldn't even get Andy Reid a win in his home finale.	**GIANTS** It will be genuinely sad to see this chapter of Andy Reid's life and career close.	**GIANTS** Vick can tune in Sunday night to see RGIII do what he does in a game that matters.	**EAGLES** A true pillow fight. Andy Reid steals one, while Giants fans are left scratching heads.
BEARS (MINUS 3) AT LIONS	**BEARS** Lions (excluding Megatron) have got to be one of the biggest disappointments this year.	**LIONS** Stafford's going for another 5,000-yard season. The Lions will be airing it out.	**LIONS** Every year, a team with nothing to play for in Week 17 beats a team with everything to play for.	**BEARS** Paper bags are once again fashionable in Detroit.
PACKERS (MINUS 3.5) AT VIKINGS	**VIKINGS** I'll go with the team in a must-win situation here.	**PACKERS** The VIkings have lost five straight to the Packers for a reason.	**VIKINGS** I'm not the only one who thinks of the Associated Press every time someone says "A.P.," right?	**PACKERS** Record or not, AP deserves a standing ovation; however, Pack wins.
RAMS (PLUS 10.5) AT SEAHAWKS	**SEAHAWKS** Seahawks are unbeatable at home. (Good thing Redskins would host the playoff game).	**SEAHAWKS** Russell Wilson will solidify his position as the NFL's Rookie of the Year.	**SEAHAWKS** Richard Sherman's lawyer told him he won his PED appeal by announcing, "You're in luck!"	**SEAHAWKS** Seahawks win on a well executed fake field goal ... 49-13.
COWBOYS (PLUS 3) AT REDSKINS	**REDSKINS** As long as Drew Storen isn't asked to close the game in the fourth quarter.	**REDSKINS** You can cut that list of teams that haven't won a division title since realignment down to four.	**REDSKINS** Biggest FedEx Field event since Kenny Chesney concert last summer? I say yes.	**REDSKINS** RGIII and the Redskins become division champs. Beautiful.

Season Tally: Arnie Applebaum: 50-25; Public Bar: 50-25; Matt Swenson: 46-29; Dan Steinberg: 43-32; Clinton Yates: 38-37

Made to Be Broken?

Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson set the single-season receiving yards record last week, breaking Jerry Rice's mark of 1,848 yards in 1995. Entering Week 17, here are a few other single-season records at risk of being broken:

Rushing Yards
2012 leader: Adrian Peterson, 1,898 yards
All-time leader: Eric Dickerson (1984), 2,105 yards

Pass Attempts
2012 leader: Matthew Stafford, 685 passes
All-time leader: Drew Bledsoe (1994), 691 passes

Redskins Rushing Yards
2012 leader: Alfred Morris, 1,413 yards
All-time leader: Clinton Portis (2005), 1,516 yards

Sacks
2012 leaders: J.J. Watt, 20.5 sacks, and Aldon Smith, 19.5 sacks
All-time leader: Michael Strahan (2001), 22.5 sacks

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Showing Rank at Military Bowl

No. 24 San Jose State tops Bowling Green for 11th win of season

College Football

So what if San Jose State lost its coach before the Military Bowl. David Fales was still the quarterback, and that was plenty.

The dart-throwing junior started strong and finished stronger in the wind and cold at RFK Stadium. Fales, who led the nation in completion percentage during the regular season, completed 33 of 43 passes for 395 yards and two touchdowns Thursday in the No. 24 Spartans' 29-20 win over Bowling Green.

Fales led the drive that set up Austin Lopez's 27-yard field goal with 4:43 remaining, and De'Leon Eskridge's 1-yard run with 2:34 left provided the insurance. San Jose State (11-2), in the national rankings for the first time since 1975, capped the year with a seven-game winning streak for its first 11-win season since 1940, a remarkable turnaround for a program that was 1-12 just two years ago in Mike MacIntyre's first season as coach.

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San Jose State's David Fales completed 33 of 43 passes for 395 yards and two touchdowns in Thursday's win over Bowling Green.

But MacIntyre left earlier this month for a bigger payday at Colorado, leaving defensive coordinator Kent Baer in charge for the bowl. Baer was interested in the job full-time, but the school instead hired San Diego's Ron Caragher, who attended the game as an observer.

Bowling Green (8-5) had a similar turnaround, improving from 2-10 in 2010 under coach Dave Clawson. A defense that allowed only 15.8 points per game in the regular season — ninth best among FBS schools — did a decent job against a San Jose State team that was averaging 35.3 points.

The Military Bowl was supposed to pit Army against an ACC team, but Army isn't bowl-eligible and the ACC didn't have enough bowl-eligible schools to fulfill its bowl tie-ins. As a result, there was little excitement for the game in the nation's capital. The upper deck of RFK Stadium was virtually empty during the second half of the MAC-WAC matchup, and the attendance was announced as 17,835. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Turgeon Trying to Jump-Start the Terps

College Basketball

Mark Turgeon grew tired of watching his players treat the first half of games like an extended warmup.

A slow and sloppy start cost the Maryland Terrapins in a season-opening loss to Kentucky, during which they fell three points short of erasing a 13-point halftime deficit. It might have cost them again if the competition were better. Instead, Maryland (10-1) made a habit of letting mediocre or worse teams hang around until it got serious.

"A big emphasis with Coach was starting practices off better," junior guard Pe'Shon Howard said. "We'd been starting really sluggish, just being young and stuff, and not being really attentive and having fun in practice. I think the last week or so, we've been really good at starting off really well, and I think it carried over into the game."

Last Friday, Maryland held a 13-point halftime lead against a Stony Brook team that entered the game with an 8-2 record. The Terrapins started strong again in the second half and stretched the lead to 20. That Maryland eventually let Stony Brook back in the game and had to rely on free throws to hang on for a seven-point win didn't bother Turgeon too much.

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The Terps need experience in close games, too.

"To have been up 20 against that team shows that we did a lot right to get there," Turgeon said. "There are some things I need to work on with the lead to make us better that I haven't added, but I will add going forward. With a young team, it's hard to add things. It was good because we are going to have a lot of close games."

Two more nonconference opponents await — Delaware State on Saturday and IUPUI on Tuesday — before the ACC schedule opens on Jan. 5.

Neither of the nonconference opponents poses much of a threat (the two have a combined record of 11-14). But for now Turgeon is content to work out the kinks, as long as the wins keep coming.

"Sitting around last summer, if you told me that we would be 10-1 at Christmas break I wouldn't believe you," he said. "We are 10-1, we are getting better, we are learning while we continue to win." DEREK TURNER (FOR EXPRESS)

In Brief

JESSE D. GARRABRANT/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

Coach Avery Johnson went 60-116 in two-plus seasons with the Nets.

NBA

Nets Fire Coach Johnson After Losing 10 of Past 13

Avery Johnson was fired Thursday as coach of the Brooklyn Nets, who have fallen to .500 in their season of new surroundings and elevated expectations. After a strong start to their first season in Brooklyn, the Nets have lost 10 of 13 games to fall well behind the first-place New York Knicks, the team they so badly want to compete with in their new home. But after beating the Knicks in their first meeting Nov. 26, probably the high point of Johnson's tenure, the Nets went 5-10 and frustrations have been mounting. The Nets were embarrassed by Boston on national TV on Christmas, then were routed by Milwaukee 108-93 on Wednesday night for their fifth loss in six games. (AP)

NFL

Sherman Wins Appeal

Seattle Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman won his appeal of a four-game suspension for use of performance-enhancing substances on Thursday, making him eligible for the NFL playoffs. Sherman's appeal was based on claims that there were errors in the chain of custody of his sample and that there were mistakes made by the tester. (AP)

NFL

McElroy Has Concussion

The New York Jets' wacky quarterback situation has taken yet another twist. Greg McElroy has a concussion — which he didn't reveal until Thursday — and will be replaced by Mark Sanchez as the New York Jets' starting quarterback in the season finale at Buffalo on Sunday. (AP)

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To reduce her impact on the environment, 30-year-old Heather Carter decided to furnish her Adams Morgan apartment with only used furniture.

Freebies To a Good Home

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Decorating

Heather Carter is not, repeat NOT, a hoarder. She just really hates throwing things away.

"We manufacture or import a great deal of stuff, and a great deal of it hits the landfill," Carter, 30, says, sipping homemade cider in her two-bedroom apartment in the Kalorama Triangle area of Adams Morgan. "The idea for me is to slow it down on the way to the landfill or stop it from getting there entirely."

After moving into her apartment in May, Carter, a former lighting designer who now helps put on theater productions, embarked on a unique project: to furnish her entire apartment without purchasing anything brand-new. This meant scouring such sites as Freecycle.org and Craigslist.com to find the items she needed for free or at a low price.

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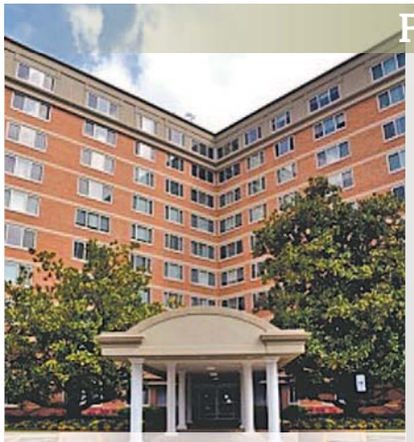

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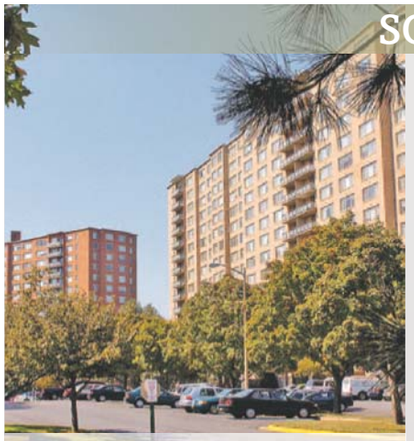

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Freecycling

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"I'd read a lot about reusing things," says Carter, who has been freecycling since 2004, when she learned about it in a newspaper and thought it would be a good way to save money.

The nonprofit Freecycle, launched in Arizona in 2003, has more than 5,000 local groups and 9 million members around the world. Each group is moderated by local volunteers, and membership is free. On it you'll find furniture, appliances, electronics, dishes and even holiday decorations.

nextweek

How can you save money on your housing costs in the new year? In next week's Ready to Rent, we'll have your 2013 rental resolutions.

Craigslist is another great place to find used furniture or art for your apartment — on its "Free" page or for sale at low prices, Carter says. She also posts items on Reuseit DC (Groups.yahoo.com/group/ReUseIt DC), another site where unwanted items find new homes.

Carter's apartment project started with three free Ikea chairs that a neighbor left on the curb. Over seven months, she's gradually added two couches, a coffee table, a mirror she found in a Dumpster, a metal coat rack she carried home on three different buses and a traditional painted Chinese credenza from a D.C. resident who was moving and didn't have room for it — just to name a few of her finds.

There are hazards to bringing in used furniture, including bedbugs, so Carter shies away from mattresses.

"I was wary about the sofas, but having met the people and seen where they were beforehand, I felt OK about it," she says.

It takes time to find the pieces she wants and then arrange for pickup or delivery, Carter says. Even for "free" pieces, she has to factor in the time spent and the cost of Zipcar rentals for some pickups.

"There have been a lot of times when I was just so done and ready to rent a truck and go to Ikea," she says.

But she doesn't. For her, this is a lifelong mission.

"When I leave, I don't plan to throw anything away," she says.

KEVIN DIETSCH/FOR EXPRESS

Heather Carter's two-bedroom in Adams Morgan is furnished exclusively with items she found for free, including finds from Freecycle and the "free" section of Craigslist.

Freecycle Do's and Don'ts

- **Do** be patient: When getting something for nothing, everything happens at the convenience of the owner, freecycler Heather Carter says. She's occasionally been stood up, especially when giving things away, so patience is important. "Anytime you're getting anything for 'free,' even though you're paying for it in time, people take it less seriously," she says.
- **Don't** post a wish-list: "Every so often you see on Freecycle, 'I'm furnishing my apartment and need XYZ,'" Carter says. Instead: "Put in your time checking the list." Members emphasize giving as much as getting, and D.C. limits members to one "wanted" post per week.
- **Do** set deadlines for "fixer-uppers": Carter's apartment is peppered with half-finished furniture projects – a wooden side table that needs to be glued back together, a cabinet missing a hinge. "Those are hazards of Freecycle or checking the curb," she says. "Suddenly you've got these projects."
- **Don't** post your address: For your privacy and protection, don't include this identifying information publicly, the Freecycle site says. E.B.

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More Go Green

Freecycle's popularity is on the rise, says Joyce Dowling, 59, who co-moderates the Southern Prince George's County Freecycle group, which has about 1,300 members.

"I started this listserv around 2005," she says. "It's grown in leaps and bounds." For Dowling, freecycling is part of her Unitarian Universalist religious beliefs to take care of the environment.

Freecyclers caution that the site isn't just a place to post wish-lists and wait for them to be fulfilled. The D.C. site limits members to one "wanted" item per week. Freecycle doesn't set a minimum for how much members can give away, but local group moderators can add their own rules.

"It's not all about getting, it's about giving," Dowling says.

Gretchen Koitz, a principal at the Koitz Group, part of Keller Williams Capital Properties, in Bethesda, first learned of the group when a client gave a bag of leftover Valentine's Day cards to a local freecycler. Now Koitz spreads the word to other clients, especially if they're downsizing, changing their furniture style or moving.

"You look around and say, 'I don't need that, I don't have space for that,'" she says. "People are trying to be more aware of being green."

Beyond being green, Carter says, Freecycle has allowed her to meet interesting people from all over the city. "I'd go to pick up a piece of furniture and I'd just end up talking with folks about what they did or how they got the thing," she says. "People like to share."

ERIN BYLANDER (FOR EXPRESS)

Weirdest Freebies

Itching to snag some post-Christmas deals? Why not skip the mall and get stuff for free stuff on Craigslist? Beyond the more common items — couches, beds, TVs and toys — there are some unique finds. For instance: **Gerbil cage and supplies (Woodbridge, Va.):** Fine print: Also comes with gerbil. | **Second-story escape ladder (Springfield, Va.):** Because safety. | **Cooking oil (Arlington):** Used to deep-fry turkey. Free to a good home. | **Break pads (Rockville, Md.):** Specifically, one set of new front brake pads (for one wheel only), for a 1988-1992 Lincoln Continental. | **CB Radio (Rockville, Md.):** What's your 20? Now you'll know. | **Gravy:** Six cans. Expired in September, so ... | **Chuck E. Cheese Pinata (Woodbridge, Va.):** Used once. | **Baby Fig Trees (Brightwork Park):** Aww. | **Baby Grand Piano (Alexandria):** Wait, really? | **Dexter Bobblehead Doll (Damascus, Md.):** Specifically, a bobblehead of John Lithgow as "The Trinity Killer," at right. Score.

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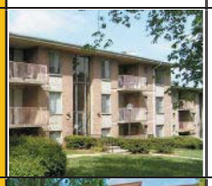
DC		**Fort Chaplin Park** 4212 East Capital St., NE Washington, DC 20010	• One Block from Metro • New Window Treatments • Landscaped Courtyards • 5% Discount to all Metro & DC Gov't. Employees • Renovated Kitchens • Individually controlled heat & A/C • Housing Choice Voucher Welcome where rents are within voucher limits	1,2,3 BRs Starting at $810 **866-209-9228**		X	X	X	X	X	X					
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MD		**Carriage Hill Apartments** 3416 Curtis Drive #T3 Hillcrest Heights, MD 20746	Mid-Rise and Garden Style Apartments ▪ All credit considered. ▪ All utilities included ▪ Immediate move ins available.	1BR - 3BR's Starting at $985-$1465 **888-341-7613** carriageapts.net		X	X	X								

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MD		**Quincy Manor/Monroe Gardens** 3603 55th Avenue Hyattsville, MD 20784	Quincy-Monroe is conveniently located just 5 minutes from the Orange Line Cheverly Metro, with Metrobus to pick you up right at the community. Shopping, schools and the hospital are all within minutes of these delightful economical apartments.	1,2,3BRS Starting at $685 **301-277-6610** sgrier@emmetinc.com		X	X	X	X	X	X					
MD		**Cypress Creek** 8603 Cypress Creek Dr. Hyattsville, MD 20782	Cypress Creek is the perfect urban retreat! Convenient to University of MD, Howard University & 4 Metro lines to the City. Spacious floor plans, fully equipped contemporary kitchen. Olympic size pool w/sundeck,fitness center. Beautiful wooded setting adjacent to Michigan Park . Save! up to 2 Months FREE RENT	1 & 2 BRs from $837 **(877) 675-0044** CypressCreekApts.com		X	X	X		X			X	X		X
MD		▪ **Penn Southern** 4113 Southern Avenue Capitol Hts, MD 20743	All credit considered. FIOS ready. Upgraded eat-in kitchens. Paint options available in select apartments. Individually controlled air conditioning & heat. Close to Metro. ▪ Minutes from Washington DC & Capitol Hill ▪ Pool, sundeck, playground ▪ Business Center	Studio, 1,2,3BR Starting at $830 **866-810-0275** pennsouthern.com	X	X	X		X			X				
MD		**Kings Square Apartments** 3402 Dodge Park Road Landover, MD 20785	• FREE UTILITIES • Laundry facilities • Cable ready • Day care on premises • Superb elementary school in walking distance • Walk to Metro • Just minutes to Wegmans FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP (call for details)	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $870 **877-219-5017** kingssquareapartments.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
MD		**Maple Ridge** 2252 Brightseat Road Landover, MD 20785	• Remodeled apartments w/ brand new kitchens • Spacious balconies or patios • Individually controlled A/C & heat • Licensed Daycare on Premises • Free Fitness Center on Property Excellent location, right by the new Wegmans! FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP (call for details)	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $870 **877-219-5026** www.mapleridgeapartments.com		X	X	X	X			X	X			
MD		Kent Village 6707 Hawthorne St. Landover, MD 20785	Located within minutes of downtown DC and the 495 Beltway. Only one block from the Landover Road Metro. Metro bus stop on the community. Newly renovated 1and 2 bedroom apartments and 2 bedroom townhomes. Comfort and convenience at an affordable price.	1,2BR's, 2BR TH's Starting at $932 866-799-4621 kentvillage.com		X	X		X	X	X	X				X
MD		**Queenstown Apartments** 3301 Chillum Road Mt. Rainier, MD 20712	Welcome to a small taste of good living 1 block from West Hyattsville Metro! Newly renovated apartment homes (limited supply). Come find peace of mind at Queenstown Apartments! Offering 1 & 2 BR apartments, FREE After School Program, on-site security, fitness/business center,5% gov't and senior citizen discount. Ask about our student discount! Hablamos Espanol.	1, 2 BRs **888-759-9112** queenstownapts.com		X	X		X	X	X	X	X			
MD		**Sutton Walk-Lenox Court** **Cambridge Crossing** 5306 85th Ave. New Carrollton, MD 20784	SAVE UP TO $500* Comfortable, spacious apartment homes just inside the Beltway a beautiful tree-lined neighborhood. • Walk to Metro • Washer & Dryer in each apartment • Huge Closets * Call for details	1 BRS Starting at $1004 **877-363-7231** SuttonWalk.com		X				X	X					X
MD		**Southview** 1309 Southview Dr. Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Open the door to the good life at Southview. With these spacious, affordable and conveniently located apartment homes, the good life is waiting for you inside and out. An easy commute takes you downtown by car or Metro, while back home, recreation areas and our two pools keep everyone active. Don't deny yourself the lifestyle you know you deserve. Visit Southview and get ready to live it!	Studio,1, 2, 3BR's Starting at $753 **888-414-6645** southviewapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MD		**Oxon Hill Village** 2260 Alice Avenue Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Nestled between the District of Columbia and historic Virginia, Oxon Hill Village offers a variety of floorplans, free services and amenities including a fitness center. indoor gymnasium, business center and all utilities included.	1BR- 3BR's Starting at $1050 **888-512-6025**		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	

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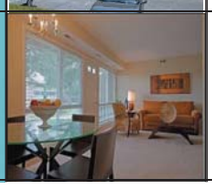
MD		**Parkview Gardens** 6400 Riverdale Road Riverdale, MD 20737	▪ Gated community with updated apartments ▪ Granite countertops, new appliances and cabinets. ▪ Indoor and outdoor pools! ▪ An unbeatable location close to shopping, public transportation, BW Parkway and 495. ▪ FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP ▪ FREE GAS COOKING & HEAT	1,2,3 BRs start at $920 **877-219-5030** parkviewgardensapartments.com		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
MD		**Woodvale Apartments** 13831 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 20904	CURRENT SPECIAL... 1 Month FREE Rent	1-3 BRs; some w/den from $1109 **888-813-6507** Refreshurlifestyle.com		X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X
MD		**Waterford Tower** 14000 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 20904	Utilities Included! Experience Hi-rise living at its Best! Newly renovated apartment homes are not only stylish and comfortable...they are also enormous & offer stunning views. Call or stop by today and see for yourself! Up to 1.5 Months FREE!	1&1 BRs from $1232 **888-544-7357** WaterfordTowerApts.com	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X	
MD		**Forest Park** 9316 Piney Branch Rd Silver Spring MD 20903	SPECIALS ON 1 & 2 BEDRM APARTMENTS Bring this ad in for a WAIVED APPLICATION FEE! Beautifully wooded landscaped setting. Mid-rise elevator bldg. Wall to wall carpet, Spacious bedrooms. Pools, playgrounds, basketball court. Montgomery County Schools@! Nr. I-495, I-95 & New Hampshire Ave. with Metro close-by.	1,2,3 BR apts Starting at $985 **301-434-8727**		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MD		**Hillbrook Towers** 515 Thayer Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910	PAY $599 YOUR FIRST MONTH WITH A 12 MONTH LEASE! Newly renovated mid-rise apts on a lovely residential street close to the center of Silver Spring. Elevator, CAC, disposals, assigned free parking. Walk to Metro. Housing Vouchers Welcome	1 and 2 BRs Starting at $1025 **888-833-9784**		X		X	X	X	X			X	X	
MD		**Montgomery Trace Apts.** 14120 Grand Pre Road Silver Spring, MD 20906	Live in Style & Convenience! Our property features large layouts, washer/dryer in unit, 2 tone paint, new carpet and many upgrades throughout. Located near Glenmont Metro and a short drive to DC, Bethesda, and Silver Spring. Home is waiting for you and also your pet. Military Disct.	1 BRs Starting at $1104 **301-460-4510** montgomerytraceapartments.com		X	X			X	X	X				X
MD		**Paddington Square** 8800 Lanier Drive Silver Spring, MD 20910	NEW Year...NEW Home!!! Location & privacy in a lush setting. Renovated apt. homes nestled between Connecticut Ave & Georgia Ave. Enjoy the amenities and manicured grounds tucked away in a true neighborhood! Home never felt so good.	2 Brs Starting at $1452 **240-752-6947** paddingtonsquare.com			X		X	X	X	X		X		
MD		**Windsor Court and Tower** 13802 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 20904	We fit your lifestyle! Choose from our garden or mid-rise apartment homes. Spacious floorplans. Individually controlled heat & A/C. On-site daycare, play areas, swimming and wading pools. Business Center. Cats and small dogs allowed! CALL TODAY, MOVE TOMORROW!!!	1,2,3 BRs starting at $928 **888-255-6159**		X	X	X	X		X	X		X		
MD		**Montgomery Towers** 415 Silver Spring Ave. Silver Spring, MD 20910	Very spacious apartments with parquet floors, eat in kitchens, balconies, large kitchen, secured entry.	1BRS Starting at $1200 **443-838-8095**		X			X	X				X	X	
MD		**Shadyside Gardens** 2641 Shadyside Ave. Suitland, MD 20746	The Best Value in Suitland. Our renovated apartment homes offer you amenities such as a washer/dryer in every apartment home, oversized closets, playground & a prime location. We are only 2 blocks from Suitland Metro and bus service is right at your door!	2BR Special $939!!! 1,2,3 Bedrooms Starting at $985 Second Chance Approval **1-877-237-4868** SGA@Finesagroup.com		X	X	X		X	X	X				X

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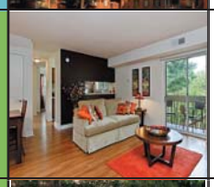
MD		**Silver Hill Apartments** 4277 Silver Hill Road Suitland, MD 20746	MOVE-IN SPECIAL Sign a 12 month lease and your 1st month's Rent is only $599 Our oversized living spaces feature hardwood floors and mini blinds. We are conveniently located near the finest in shopping, dining and entertainment. • Housing Vouchers Welcome • Holding fee required with application	1 BRs fr. $800 2 BRs fr. $900 (carpet extra) **888-513-2042**		X	X		X	X	X				X	
MD		**Station Square** 3400 Pearl Drive Suitland, MD 20746	Score Big this Season with One Month's Free Rent & a chance to win a 55" Flat Screen & your Super Bowl Party is on Us! Certain Restrictions Apply. Limited time offer. Experience the finest in apartment style living. Our dedication to excellence is unrivaled, and it shows here at Station Square.	1,2,3 BRS Starting at $1030 **301-825-9162** morgan-properties.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
MD		**Andrews Ridge** 5601 Regency Park Court Suitland, MD 20746	FREE Rent on Some Units...Call Today! Renovated kitchens and baths, a new fitness and business center, a fresh look for the outside of the bldgs, and more... With upgrades this exciting, you won't want to miss out! Call today to get your special!	**1-BRs fr. $1075. 2-BRs fr. $1190. 3-BRs fr. $1430** **888-502-7944** rejuvenateurlifestyle.com			X			X	X		X	X		X
MD		**Hillwood Manor** 1100 Linden Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912	• Lovely wooded setting right off New Hampshire Ave. with easy access to Metro bus. • Hardwood floors. • Ceiling fans. • ALL UTILITIES INCLUDED. (A/C extra) ASK ABOUT OUR RENT SPECIAL!!	1 Bedrooms starting at $899* *with 12 mo. lease **(301) 891-2270**		X			X	X	X				X	
MD		**Belford Towers** 6733 New Hampshire Ave Takoma Park, MD 20912	Belford Towers has the amenities you want, the price you can afford, and the convenience of a prime location! Security on-site * Large walk-in closets * Balconies * Playground * Spacious floor plans * Laundry facility * AC & Heat included in rent!	1,2,3 BR's Starting at $920 **888-420-4302** Beaconmanagement.com		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MD		**Marlow Plaza Apartments** 2900 Saint Claire Drive Temple Hills, MD 20748	At Marlow Plaza & Tower, we feature both high-rise and garden style apartments. Our homes feature wall to wall carpeting, oak wood cabinets and dishwashers. We are located just minutes from the Beltway, Suitland Parkway and 3 Metro lines. Stop by today for a tour of your new apartment home!	1,2,3 BR's Starting at $849 Second Chance Approval!! **1-888-803-3184**		X	X	X	X	X	X					
VA		**Foxchase Apartments** 320 North Jordan Street Alexandria, VA 22304	GET FREE RENT!!!* Foxchase is the ideal home, whether you are looking for off-base or off-campus housing. Our colonial-style homes are air conditioned & offer wood flooring. *on select apts, move-in by 12/31.	1, 2 BRs Starting at $1,040 **703-253-4340** FoxchaseofAlexandriaApts.com		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X
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VA		**Kings Gardens Apartments** 6300 S.Kings Hwy Alexandria, VA 22306	Kings Gardens delightfully combines city convenience with suburban charm. This Alexandria address is within a short distance from schools, shopping, and the Huntington Metro Rail Station. Residents enjoy beautiful landscaping and an on-site pool.	1BR-3BR's + Dens Starting at $ 1165 **866-980-9358** kgleasing@smcmail.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
VA		**Lloyd Apartments** 800 Tennessee Avenue Alexandria, VA 22305	Lloyd Apartments offer expansive floor plans from 650 to 870 square feet with utilities included. Abundant light from windows in every room, including the kitchen and bathroom. Elegant foyers and hallways boast hardwood floors. The bathroom is equipped with a soaking tub and shower with tile flooring. We provide the convenience of on-site laundry facilities, extra storage units, and free parking.	1, 2 BRs Starting at $1200 **240-455-5467** lloydapartments.com		X	X		X		X					

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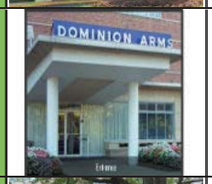
VA		**The Parliaments** 7409 Eastmoreland Rd. Annandale, VA 22003	• All Utilities included • Central Air & Heat • Huge Walk-in Closets • Pets Welcome • Very Spacious Apartments	Studios,1, 2, 3BRs Starting at $1195 **866-796-5301** parliaments@smcmail.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
VA		**Southern Towers** 4901 Seminary Road Alexandria, VA 22301	• Close to Pentagon & I-395 • Convenience store on-site • Free on-site parking • Metrobus accessible • Small pets welcome • No security deposit & move-in fees	Efficiency, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $950 **703-485-4154** southerntowersapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
VA		**Potomac Towers** 2001 North Adams Street Arlington, VA 22201	FREE MONTH'S RENT (on select apartments) • Newly remodeled apartments • Newly remodeled lobby w/Business Center • Fitness Center, Pool & Sundeck • 24-Hour Front Desk Service • 3 Blocks to Court House Metro • Easy access to Key Bridge, Rt. 66 & GW Parkway	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $1435 **703-485-4903** potomactowers.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
VA		**Dominion Plaza** 1200 S Courthouse Rd Arlington, VA 22204	Featuring reasonably priced, newly remodeled apartments overlooking scenic Army/Navy Country Club ● Parquet hardwood floor or wall-to-wall as avail ● Fitness center, pool & sundeck ● Picnic and barbecue areas on grounds ● Business Center ● utilities included	Studio, 1BR, 2BR starting at $1105 **703-436-1516** dominionplazaapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	
VA		**Dominion Arms** 333 South Glebe Rd. Arlington, VA 22204	● Utilities Included ● Beauty shop, barber shop & drycleaners ● Close to Route 50 ● Laundry rooms on each floor ● Metro Bus to Ballston & Pentagon Metro ● Outdoor swimming pool ● Small pets welcome	Studio, 1BR, 2BR starting at $1120 **703-822-5558** dominionarmsapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X	
VA		**Shirlington House** 4201 S. 31st Street Arlington, VA 22206	• Spacious floor plans • Garage parking available • 24 hour Fitness Center • Convenience store on-site • Convenient public transportation to Metro, Pentagon City & Crystal City • Easy access to I-395 ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIALS!	Studio, Efficiency, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $1230 **703-595-4233** shirlingtonhouseapts.com	X	X	X		X		X	X	X		x	
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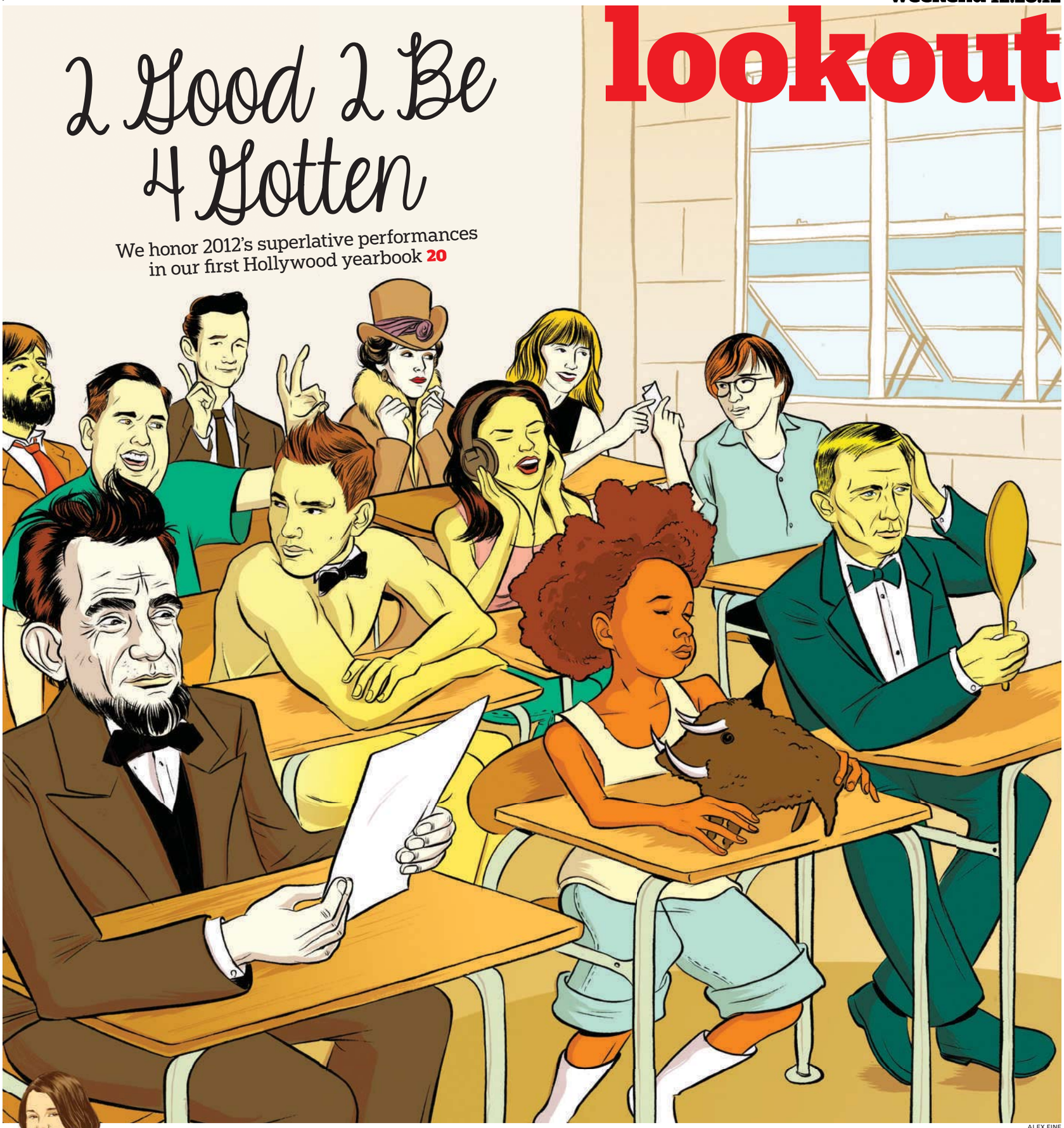

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When we visited local food writer Amanda McClement's new home-goods boutique — Salt & Sundry — right before the holidays, the space was stuffed with perplexed shoppers wondering how they'd ever narrow down their options (1309 5th St. NE; 202-556-1866). Brimming with small-batch syrups, artisanal salts, handmade pottery and autographed cookbooks by local chefs, the Union Market newcomer (and McClement's first foray into retail) is an epicurean fantasyland.

How do you like being located at Union Market?

I'm surrounded by all the businesses I love and respect, and being their neighbor is amazing. I'm finding that a lot of customers are still getting to know the market and some have no idea what they're walking into. They're like, "Where am I? What is this place?"

What are you hoping your shop adds to D.C.?

I want to show people how to put a casual dinner together and to just dive in and not feel intimidated by it. Giving people the visual inspiration to say, "OK, this won't be too difficult to re-create in my apartment or studio" is what I'm trying to do.

What products would you recommend to those who are new at entertaining?

A lot of the linens we stock are easy to take care of. A lot of people ask if they have to iron them and I tell them you don't have to. I kind of like that wrinkly, casual look and feel.

Do you have any advice for someone planning a New Year's shindig?

My No. 1 tip is getting people a drink as soon as they walk in the door. When you're running around doing a million things, it's easy to forget that people are waiting to feel at ease and welcomed. You want to make sure you say, "Can I grab your coat and get you a drink?" rather than, "I'm burning the lasagna!"

> **"I want to show people how to put a casual dinner together and to just dive in and not feel intimidated by it."**

How are you finding the transition from writing and blogging to retail?

People have a lot of questions about products, so it's almost like a mini blog post every time I have a conversation. I'm telling the story of products I'm selling because I love them. It doesn't feel like sales when you're selling something you love.

What's your favorite product?

The bare wood tables are all made from salvaged wood by my father in North Carolina. It's nice to have such a personal item in the store.

It sounds like Salt & Sundry is sort of a playground for you.

It is, but it's also been such hard work. I knew it would be. Being surrounded by the things I love and the things that inspire me makes it feel a little bit less like work. A little bit. [Laughs]

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Event Horizon | Union Market Sips and Sounds

Check out Salt & Sundry and other Union Market vendors (1309 5th St. NE) from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday during its weekly cocktail and craft-beer happy hour. Live music also adds to the buzz.

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1 Dinner Roll

YOU COULD STARE BLANKLY INTO your fridge hoping to be struck with meal inspiration. Or you could give Leafcutter Design's recipe dice a spin ($16, Trohv, 232 Carroll St. NW; 202-829-2941). The 14 blocks come in a handsome screw-top glass jar and sport illustrations of compatible vegetables, grains, meats, spices and herbs that provide the blueprint for your supper. It sure beats ordering in pizza for the third day in a row.

Grab Bag

2 Happy Hour in Your Mailbox

WANT A VIOGNIER to go with your next mail order of gourmet pears or cheese? Harry & David (Harryanddavid.com), the longtime fruit-basket company, has partnered with Oregon's Pallet Wine Company to make nine different varieties of vino ($15-$30), including a crisp chardonnay and a robust tempranillo that would be a good match for an entire H&D tower of chocolates.

3 In a Clutch

BY DAY, ANGELA BRIGHT works as a management consultant in D.C. But by night, the covert creative behind Gigee Marie spins one-of-a-kind pouches and folded clutches on her modest sewing machine (Gigeemarie.com). The results are anything but ordinary: Poppy colors (magenta, bright yellow, royal blue), fetching patterns (ikat, camo) and embellishments (metallic rounds like those on the Tangerine Studded Mini, shown, $28) make the pockets hard to miss.

4 Simon Says 'Shop'

HUNTERS AND GATHERERS will dig the midcentury modern furniture and trinkets at Simon Vintage (1911 9th St. NW; 202-629-2517). Stocked by eagle eyes Steve Cruse and Sean Reidy, the newbie houses such curiosities as a 3-foot-tall bird cage ($95), old-school suitcases ($30 each) and industrial lamps ($25-$80). The shop's namesake, miniature pinscher Simon, oversees it all.

5 Fresh Faced

IN ADDITION TO KEEPING YOU up at night, that clanging radiator in your group house is mummifying your skin. Good thing that D.C./Switzerland skin-care line Alchimie Forever just released a new formulation on its Gentle Refining Scrub ($45, Alchimie-forever.com). A tropical cocktail of ingredients — lychee, papaya extract, jojoba — keeps flakes and dullness at bay. Now if it only could be smoothed on that pesky heater.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

Now that winter has officially arrived, I need a pair of comfy, handsome, tall winter boots that are suitable for the conditions. Also, I should mention that I want something stylish enough to wear into work, if possible. Please help. —CYNTHIA

Manolo says, for the Manolo — who has all of the tolerance for the wintery weather you would expect of the person raised in the balmy Mediterranean — winter means the few days of wettish, coolish weather, followed by the hasty trip to Ibiza to recover.

Thus, it is foreign to the Manolo, this Midwestern idea that for several months each year you must daily bundle up like the Yukon Cornelius and go out into the frosty world to face the Abominable Snow Beast in the hand-to-the-hand combat, armed with nothing but the snow tires and the long-handled ice scraper.

Unfortunately, the Manolo's friends from the great frozen North tell the Manolo that the only alternative to learning to like being out and about in the snow is to languish inside your house, crouching by the fire, hoping that the cable television and booze supply do not go out, otherwise you will be quickly eyeballing the various members of your family like Jack Nicholson in "The Shining."

Look! Here is the Gira from Born, the tall shearling-lined boots that will keep your toes warm while giving you more than enough fashion snap in the worst conditions.

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Total films I saw in 2012.

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Cutest Couple

Calvin and Ruby (Paul Dano and Zoe Kazan), "Ruby Sparks" Real-life pair Dano and Kazan are the embodiment of adorable in "Ruby Sparks," which was written by Kazan. The film is half romantic comedy, half a searing indictment of the Manic Pixie Dream Girl trope.

Most Talented

Daniel Day-Lewis, "Lincoln" This epic biopic had its flaws (the final scene in particular was emotional self-indulgence on director Steven Spielberg's part). Day-Lewis' performance — a combination of imitation and innovation that gave new depth and shading to an American icon — wasn't one of them.

6

Films I saw in a theater where I had to pay actual money.

Smartest

Blake (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), "The Dark Knight Rises" A weak spot in the weakest of Christopher Nolan's trilogy was when cop Blake revealed that he knew Bruce Wayne was Batman because ... he drove a nice car? Or something? Blake's got to have some brains to have cracked Gotham's greatest mystery when he was still a kid.

Stay Cool, Hollywood!

2

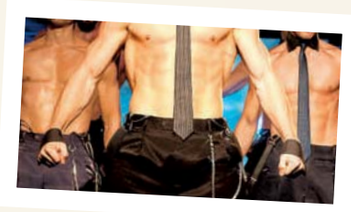
Oscar winners I interviewed in person, including Angelina Jolie (for "In the Land of Blood and Honey"), Best Supporting Actress, "Girl, Interrupted."

3

Oscar winners I interviewed on the phone.

Most Likely To Succeed

"Beasts of the Southern Wild" A mind-blowing example of everything that is good and powerful about movies, this indie is expected to win all four Independent Spirit Awards for which it's nominated and score at least four Oscar nominations (Best Actress for 9-year-old Quvenzhané Wallis, Best Directing, Best Cinematography, Best Picture).



Most Athletic

The Cast of "Magic Mike" Channing Tatum, far left, and his six-pack led a pack of other guys with six-packs in Steven Soderbergh's ode to six-packs.

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Best Dressed

Anna (Keira Knightley), "Anna Karenina" Everybody looks good in "Anna Karenina," but nobody's outfits top the ones Knightley wears. If giant fur hats come back in style, blame her.

1 Film I saw twice ("The Avengers") because my husband wanted to see it.

15 Films I saw with women as protagonists or co-protagonists.

6 Films I saw with minority protagonists or co-protagonists.

4 Films I saw with minority women as protagonists or co-protagonists.

15 Documentaries I saw.

Most Musical

Beca (Anna Kendrick), "Pitch Perfect" As a college freshman who resuscitates her school's all-female a cappella group, The Bellas, Kendrick's character is more than just a pretty voice. She's an aspiring DJ and a talented musician, who also happens to have Broadway-caliber pipes.

Best Looking

Daniel Craig, "Skyfall" Bond films have never been as good as "Skyfall," and Bond has never looked better than when Daniel Craig is filling his tux. In a film that explicitly dealt with aging, Craig's almost-silver foxiness worked on many levels.

A top 10 list is a beautiful thing, but it doesn't give a clear picture of what the year in film actually looked like. Think of it this way: How much does your senior portrait actually say about your high school experience? Unless you went around in a fake tux or fake formal gown, you'd need the whole yearbook to truly understand your time in the trenches. And when your job requires spending about a week's worth of minutes in a year watching movies (I did the math), boiling it all down is just painful. I wanted to recognize people and films that didn't all make my top 10 (on page 22) and give a sense of what else went into covering 2012.

Ben Affleck, "Argo" Remember when Ben Affleck and J-Lo were engaged? And he bought her that giant pink diamond? We're not sure how he managed the transformation from US Weekly fodder to rightfully acclaimed director (Jennifer Garner?), but it's a good thing he did, because now we have "Argo," the first film to make people standing in line at the airport nail-bitingly exciting.

Class Clowns

Schmidt and Jenko (Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum), "21 Jump Street" The year's best comedy largely owes its success to Tatum's sweet earnestness as a jock who returns to high school only to find nerds now rule. Hill, below left, deserves a hat tip for his performance and for co-writing the story.

3 Oscar nominees I interviewed in person, including Jonah Hill (for "21 Jump Street"), Best Supporting Actor, "Moneyball."

xoxo – Kristen

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An Untapped Resource

Damon's unorthodox villain isn't enough to fuel 'Promised Land'

Film Review

"Promised Land" is a contemporary drama from Participant Media — the company that brought us such activist movies as "Fast Food Nation" and "North Country" — about a community in the throes of the natural gas boom. But viewers expecting a morality tale about the big bad gas man and the little people he tries to frack might be in for something of a surprise.

This wispy, overearnest movie stars Matt Damon as Steve Butler, a good corporate road warrior for a $9 billion energy company whose speciality is convincing poor farmers to lease their lucrative land for a relative pittance. He's so good at closing — and bringing deals in "under the price point" — that he's up for a big promotion, an opportunity made clear to him at a lunch meeting over the second bottle of Chateau Margaux.

Hours later, he's taking the bus into the small dairy farming town of McKinley, Pa., where he rents a beat-up car with his co-worker Sue (Frances McDormand). After buying some flannel shirts and work gloves to better fit in with the locals, they begin to make their time-perfected pitches.

Promised Land (R)

- **Director:** Gus Van Sant
- **Stars:** Matt Damon, Frances McDormand and John Krasinski
- **In a Nutshell:** Employees of a natural gas company trying to tap into a small town's natural resources have to deal with resistance from environmental forces.

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Steve Butler (Matt Damon) is a bad guy who's really not so bad in "Promised Land."

There are a few naysayers, chiefly a local schoolteacher played by Hal Holbrook who asks inconvenient questions about soil contamination and tap water bursting into flames. Soon, Steve and Sue are faced with an interloping environmentalist in the person of Dustin Noble (John Krasinski), whose name pretty much says it all.

Written by Damon and Krasinski and directed by Gus Van Sant, "Promised Land" isn't a particularly arresting piece of filmmaking. But it benefits from one refreshing twist in a corporate villain who isn't really a villain, a man motivated not by avarice and greed, but by compassion. Steve is from a small Iowa town that was decimated when the Caterpillar plant went out of business. Dismissing the family-farm ideal as "delusional self-mythology," he explains, "I'm not selling them natural gas; I'm selling them a way back."

'Promised Land' isn't a particularly arresting piece of filmmaking. But it benefits from one refreshing twist.

The twist, when it comes, is a surprise but not a shock. What's more, despite their Everyman appeal, Damon and Krasinski don't create much by way of emotional investment, instead becoming mirror images of their most mild-mannered, white-bread selves. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

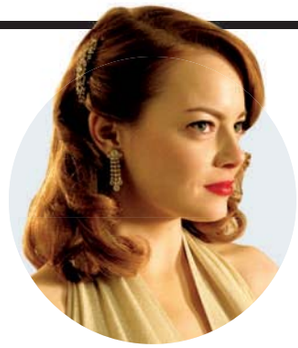
The Reelist

The Ranking's on the Wall

At the end of 2011, I needed to make a top 10 films list and discovered I had not been keeping decent records of the movies I'd seen that year. So I had to look at lists of all the films that had come out, write down the names of those I thought would make the top 10, rearrange them and narrow them down into a list. Lesson learned. Throughout 2012, I wrote the name of each film I saw (the ones released in D.C. in 2012) on a sticky note. The notes went on my office wall — the best films up high, the worst near the floor — forming a constantly shifting, aesthetically horrifying real-time ranking of the year's films. Now I've yanked off the 10 highest notes, rearranged a bit and come up with a list with little effort. One caveat: I didn't see "The Master," "Life of Pi," "Zero Dark Thirty" (which will be released in D.C. in January) or "Silver Linings Playbook," some or all of which might have had a shot. Their omission isn't necessarily a commentary on their quality.

By Kristen Page-Kirby

Kristen's Top 10 Movies Of 2012 1. "Beasts of the Southern Wild" 2. "Rust and Bone" 3. "A Separation" 4. "Moonrise Kingdom" 5. "Argo" 6. "The Queen of Versailles" 7. "Skyfall" 8. "Pina" 9. "Anna Karenina" 10. "End of Watch"



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» **1.11:** Ryan Gosling, Sean Penn and Emma Stone, above, star in "Gangster Squad," a gun-filled mob vs. cop fantasia set in 1940s L.A.

» **1.18:** Guillermo del Toro's supernatural thriller "Mama" features Jessica Chastain.

» **1.25:** Cult Internet novel "John Dies at the End" gets a film adaptation starring Paul Giamatti. (EXPRESS)

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'I Want To Do It All'

Jessica Chastain wants to seize every career opportunity that comes her way

Profile

Jessica Chastain is getting animated. Even though she's managed to pack more films into an 18-month period than would seem physically possible and will, on this day, finish an afternoon of news interviews with an evening performance of "The Heiress" on Broadway, she's not lacking energy.

"I want to do crazy villains in comic book movies with accents and scars!" she continues, shining with childlike enthusiasm. "I want to do it all. I think I have to calm down and be like: You don't have to do it all, right now. Hopefully, you'll be around for a few years."

Sticking around is at this point assured for Chastain, who last year emerged as an actress of seemingly limitless range, with throwback beauty and the subtlety of a chameleon. Due to various distribution delays, her talent was laid out all at once — her "reel," she calls it — in widely varied performances in "The Tree of Life," "Take Shelter," "The Help," "Coriolanus," "The Debt" and "Texas Killing Fields."

She hasn't let up. Chastain is now starring in one of the most anticipated movies of the year: Kathryn Bigelow's docudrama of the hunt for Osama bin Laden, "Zero Dark Thirty."

"I never think about what's next," she says. "I always just think: What haven't I done yet?"

"Zero Dark Thirty" easily qualified. In it, she plays a dogged, obsessed CIA officer tracking bin Laden in a decadelong search that leads from torturing detainees to intrepid detective work and finally to relentless advocacy for the Pakistan raid that would kill bin Laden.

The performance has already earned Chastain best actress nominations from the Golden Globes and the Screen Actors Guild, and she's widely expected to land her second Oscar nomination in two years (following one for "The Help," an honor she glowingly recalls as "crazy town").

"I've been fighting so long," says the 35-year-old Chastain. "I'm not 17 years old. I trained in this. I did a lot of theater. I was playing dead bodies on TV shows. This is the first time I'm getting offered really incredible roles." JAKE COYLE (AP)

"I never think about what's next," Chastain says of her process for choosing roles and projects. "I always just think: What haven't I done yet?"

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Christmas' top 5 films at the box office

BARBARA (Unrated, 105 minutes) Christian Petzold's "Barbara" revisits the quiet, everyday tragedies of the Iron Curtain era, when paranoia ran deep and for very good reasons. With methodical, uninflected storytelling, Petzold creates an exceptionally vivid portrait of a time that, in the intervening decades, seems both recent and ancient. A.H.

2 **DJANGO UNCHAINED** (R, 165 minutes) The Jamie Foxx-led movie breathes refreshing, occasionally demented, life into the Civil War era, albeit in the pulpy, stylized cinematic language of director Quentin Tarantino. Where 2009's "Inglourious Basterds" was little more than a larky speculative burlesque, "Django Unchained" possesses an unmistakable subversive power, its playfully insurrectionist spirit perhaps the modern-day pop-culture equivalent of far more high-stakes rebellions of yore. There's a point in "Django Unchained" when its sheer absurdity, luridness and violence pose an inescapable challenge to the audience: Sure, this is an outrageous distortion, the movie itself seems to say, but is it any more outrageous than "Gone With the Wind"? A.H.

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Paul Rudd's wholesome demeanor and kind face hide his character's evil penchant for fart jokes in "This Is 40."

THE GUILT TRIP (PG-13, 96 minutes) Anne Fletcher's lifeless comedy about an overbearing mother and her exasperated son is a series of clunky scenes in which Seth Rogen tries desperately to play off Barbra Streisand. A.H.

3 **THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY** (PG-13, 170 minutes) The first of director Peter Jackson's trilogy has finally arrived, with a hairy-footed thud. The film may well please the franchise's most devoted fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's imaginative landscape of dwarfs, elves, goblins, trolls and the appealingly winsome title character. But purely on its own terms, "An Unexpected Journey" can't be seen as anything but a disappointment. A.H.

THE IMPOSSIBLE (PG-13, 114 minutes) The 2004 tsunami in the Indian Ocean, which opens the fact-based drama "The Impossible," is rendered with nightmarish realism by Spanish director J.A. Bayona. The wall of water

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looks harrowingly real as it slams into the Thai resort where tourists Henry and Maria (Ewan McGregor and Naomi Watts) are spending the holidays with their sons. But what is rendered even more convincingly is the anguish of separation experienced by Maria, who's swept away from the others with her eldest son. The rest of the film tracks the efforts of the family to reunite. M.O.

5 **JACK REACHER** (PG-13, 131 minutes) Presumably taking a long, self-indulgent glance at his What Would Clint Do? bracelet, Tom Cruise takes on the iconic role of surly vigilante in "Jack Reacher," resulting in a mismatch of wincingly epic proportions. A.H.

1 **LES MISERABLES** (PG-13, 160 minutes) There are moments early on in "Les Miserables" when viewers may feel like they're about to witness a bona fide disasterpiece, one of those spectacular miscalculations that can be almost as entertaining as a superbly executed work of audacious ambition and scope. This adaptation of the megahit Broadway musical fits neither description. It lives in that OK-not-great, this-worked-that-didn't in-between. Less a fully realized film than a series of set pieces, showstoppers, diva moments and production numbers, "Les Miserables" contains

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multitudes — not only in its huge cast but in its own contradictions. A.H.

LINCOLN (PG-13, 149 minutes) A peculiar, powerful alchemy takes hold in "Lincoln," Steven Spielberg's masterful portrait of the 16th U.S. president. Through that strange mix of realism, artifice, intimacy and scope that cinema uniquely possesses, viewers find themselves transported to 19th-century Washington, where Abraham Lincoln — played by Daniel Day-Lewis — has just been re-elected to a second term. Spielberg infuses "Lincoln" with energy, acumen, surprising humor and the unabashed affection for his subject. A.H.

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PARENTAL GUIDANCE (PG, 105 minutes) This movie is perfect for families. Assuming, of course, that: a) your family has traveled in time from 1995, when most of the jokes in the movie were first written, and b) you have no taste whatsoever. When yuppie parents go out of town, they decide to leave their brood of three with the grandparents (Billy Crystal and Bette Midler). "Parental Guidance" is not just dull; it's aggressively dull, as if the people who made it actually want to put you to sleep and then steal your wallet. M.O.

RUST AND BONE (R, 120 minutes) Based on short stories by Craig Davidson, this is one of those movies that never gives the audience a clear sense of where it's going. In any other hands, that would mean a disorienting, even alienating, experience. But steered by filmmaker Jacques Audiard, "Rust and Bone" turns out to be the best kind of cinematic ride: surprising, spectacular and shot through with tough, unsentimental compassion. A.H.

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In "Les Miserables," Jean Valjean (Hugh Jackman) and Fantine (Anne Hathaway) simultaneously realize, horrified, that 19th-century France is just the worst.

SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK (R, 117 minutes) As the movie opens, Pat Solitano (Bradley Cooper) is being discharged from a psychiatric facility. He meets Tiffany (Jennifer Lawrence), a sharp-tongued young widow with an acute nonsense-detector and a knack for brutal honesty equaled only by Pat's own impulsive, socially disastrous candor. A.H.

SKYFALL (PG-13, 145 minutes) To succeed, a James Bond movie must traffic in equal parts sophistication and pure preposterousness, a winking willingness not to take itself so very seriously, but with writing, acting and production values of the highest order. All of those elements are on hand in "Skyfall," which brings back Daniel Craig as 007. A.H.

THIS IS 40 (R, 134 minutes) As unstructured as a sweatsuit, "This Is 40" nevertheless is a comfortable fit for its stars, Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann, who bring a laid-back chemistry and prickly energy to writer-director Judd Apatow's amiably angsty comedy about a married couple facing midlife. Overlong and unnecessarily sex-obsessed, "This Is 40" feels haphazard and unfinished, despite a few moments of laugh-out-loud humor. M.O.

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2 It's Time To Say Goodbye

Like anyone who cares about the D.C. music scene, we'll mourn the closing of Red Palace on Jan. 1. The venue's last live show is on Sunday, but we recommend Saturday's lineup of indie punk band Paperhaus and a synth-y, happy set from Dance for the Dying as the best way to bid your farewell. ***Red Palace, 1210 H St. NE; Sat., 8:30 p.m., $10; 202-399-3201, Redpalacedc.com.***

3 Dancing in the Street

The Marvelettes have broken up; the Supremes are no more — but you can still witness a piece of Motown girl-group history when Martha Reeves and the Vandellas perform at the Howard Theatre this weekend. Expect the ladies behind "Heat Wave" to bring the same magic and sequined glory they always have. ***The Howard Theatre, 620 T St. NW; Sat., 8 p.m., $30-$35; 202-803-2899, Thehowardtheatre.com. (Shaw)***

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AMC Mazza Gallerie
5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW www.AMCTheatres.com

Life of Pi 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 10:40-4:30-7:20
Life of Pi (PG) Digital Presentation: 1:30
Skyfall (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 11:30-6:50
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 3:10-10:25
Django Unchained (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 12:10-3:45-7:10-10:40
Jack Reacher (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:30-1:20-4:20-7:30-10:30
Les Miserables (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:30
This Is 40 (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:50-1:50-4:50-7:50-10:50
Lincoln (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:30-3:45-7:05-10:20

Avalon
5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org

Les Miserables (PG-13) 4 Golden Globe Nominations including Best Picture (Com/Mus): 10:00-1:20-4:45-8:15
Silver Linings Playbook (R) 4 Golden Globe Nominations including Best Picture (Com/Mus): 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:30

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street NW www.landmarktheatres.com

The Impossible (PG-13) 1:50-4:35-7:30-10:00
Anna Karenina (R) 1:00-2:15-3:45-5:15-6:30-8:15-9:30
Hyde Park on Hudson (R) 12:45-1:45-3:00-4:15-5:30-6:45-8:00-9:15-10:15
Rust & Bone (De rouille et d'os) (R) 1:40-4:20-7:15-9:55
The Central Park Five (NR) 1:20-4:10-7:00-9:40
Hitchcock (PG-13) 2:25-5:05-7:45-10:05

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com

Monsters, Inc. (G) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 1:40
Life of Pi 3D (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 11:50AM
Skyfall (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 11:30-9:50
The Guilt Trip (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 1:50-4:20-7:40-10:10-12:25
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 5:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 1:20-9:30
Django Unchained (R) CC-Closed Captions: (!) 12:30-3:00-4:00-6:30-7:30-10:00-11:00
Jack Reacher (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 12:50-4:30-7:50-10:50-12:00
Les Miserables (PG-13) CC/DV: (!) 11:30-2:50-3:30-6:20-7:00-10:30
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 4:40-7:05-9:40
Parental Guidance (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 11:40-2:10-4:50-7:20-10:00-12:20
Silver Linings Playbook (R) CC-Closed Captions: 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:35-12:15
Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 4:10
Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away 3D (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 12:00-7:10-10:10
This Is 40 (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:30-3:50-7:20-10:20-12:30
Lincoln (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:15-3:45-7:15-10:25
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) HFR: (!) 12:10-4:15-8:00-11:45

West End Cinema
2301 M Street NW http://westendcinema.com/

Django Unchained (R) Quentin Tarantino's Western epic!: 12:00-3:20-6:40-10:00
Silver Linings Playbook (R) Best Picture nominee- Golden Globes!: 11:20-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Barbara (PG-13) English Subtitles;Winner- Best Director- Berlin Film Festival: 11:40-2:40-5:10-7:20-9:40

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road www.afi.com/silver

Hyde Park on Hudson (R) No passes: (!) 1:05-3:05-5:10-7:15-9:20
Anna Karenina (R) 1:45-4:20-7:05-9:40
The Bishop's Wife (NR) 11:05AM
After the Thin Man (1936) (NR) 11:00AM
Brave (PG) 11:10AM
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 1:10
The Deep Blue Sea (R) 3:20
Arbitrage (R) 5:20
Bernie (PG-13) 7:30
The Paperboy (R) 9:45

AMC Loews Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

The Guilt Trip (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:10-12:30-3:00-5:20-7:40-10:00
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:00-2:30-6:00-9:40
Django Unchained (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:00-1:30-5:00-8:45-10:10
Jack Reacher (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:30-1:20-4:15-7:15-10:10
Les Miserables (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:05-1:25-4:45-8:15
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) RealD 3D: (!) 10:15-12:45-3:10-5:30-7:50
Parental Guidance (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:20-12:45-3:05-5:25-7:45-10:15
This Is 40 (R) Digital Presentation: 10:35-1:35-4:30-7:30-10:30

AMC Loews White Flint 5
11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCTheatres.com

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 3:00-10:20
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:15-6:45
Jack Reacher (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:00-1:10-4:15-7:15-10:15
Les Miserables (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 12:00-3:30-7:00-10:30
Parental Guidance (PG) (!) 11:00-1:45-4:45-7:30-10:00
Lincoln (PG-13) 10:45-2:30-6:15-9:45

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way www.AMCTheatres.com

The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:50
Skyfall (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 9:00AM
Rise of the Guardians (PG) Digital Presentation: 9:10-10:00
The Guilt Trip (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:20-1:00-3:40-6:20-9:00-11:40
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 4:00-8:00-12:00
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:10-3:00-7:00-11:00
Django Unchained (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 9:30-10:30-12:15-1:30-2:30-3:55-5:30-6:30-7:40-9:30-10:30-11:30
Jack Reacher (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 9:25-12:40-4:10-7:30-10:45
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) IMAX 3D: 10:10-2:15-6:15-10:20
Les Miserables (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:50-3:30-7:10-10:50
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) RealD 3D: (!) 9:15-12:00-2:35-5:15-7:55-10:35
Parental Guidance (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:00-1:50-4:35-7:20-10:00
This Is 40 (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 9:05-12:20-3:30-6:50-10:10

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com

Django Unchained (R) 11:05-2:30-4:30-6:00-8:15-9:30
Anna Karenina (R) 10:50-1:40-4:25-7:10-10:00
Lincoln (PG-13) 10:55-2:05-5:10-8:30
The Impossible (PG-13) 11:00-1:45-4:20-7:00-9:35
Hyde Park on Hudson (R) 11:35-2:15-4:45-7:30-9:45
Rust & Bone (De rouille et d'os) (R) 11:10-1:50-4:40-7:15-9:55
Promised Land (R) 10:45-11:20-1:15-1:55-4:35-7:05-9:40

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com

Monsters, Inc. (G) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 2:30
Skyfall (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 11:40AM
The Guilt Trip (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 11:25-1:50-4:30-7:50-10:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 11:50-3:45-5:10-8:00
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:50-9:15
Jack Reacher (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 12:15-4:10-7:15-10:20
Les Miserables (PG-13) CC/DV: (!) 11:30-2:50-3:30-6:30-7:30-9:45-10:10
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 12:00-5:00-6:55-10:45
Parental Guidance (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:30-3:55-6:45-9:30
Silver Linings Playbook (R) CC-Closed Captions: 1:25-4:20-7:20-10:00
This Is 40 (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:40-4:00-7:10-10:15

Regal Hyattsville Royale Stadium 14
6505 America Blvd.

Monsters, Inc. (G) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 2:35-5:05
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:45-6:35
Skyfall (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 3:30-9:20
Rise of the Guardians (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 11:30AM
The Guilt Trip (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 12:20-2:40-5:15-7:45-10:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 11:35-12:35-4:30-8:10-10:35
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 3:10-6:55
Django Unchained (R) CC-Closed Captions: (!) 11:30-12:15-1:00-3:05-4:05-5:00-6:45-8:00-9:00-10:20
Jack Reacher (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 12:40-3:40-7:15-10:15
Les Miserables (PG-13) CC/DV: (!) 11:45-1:55-3:20-5:30-7:00-9:15-10:30
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 12:05-7:35-10:00
Parental Guidance (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 11:50-2:25-5:10-7:50-10:35
Lincoln (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 11:40-3:00-6:15-9:30
This Is 40 (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:55-4:10-7:25-10:25

Regal Majestic 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive

Monsters, Inc. (G) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 1:30
Life of Pi 3D (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 9:25-12:20
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 11:35AM
Skyfall (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 5:55-9:05
Rise of the Guardians (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 10:45-1:25-4:05-6:45
The Guilt Trip (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 10:00-12:15-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) HFR: (!) 12:00-3:40-7:35
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 2:25-6:10-9:45-11:05-12:00
Silver Linings Playbook (R) CC-Closed Captions: 1:40-4:55-7:45-10:25
Wreck-It Ralph (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 9:50-12:20
Django Unchained (R) CC-Closed Captions: (!) 11:25-12:30-1:45-2:55-3:55-6:30-7:20-8:50-10:00-11:05-12:20
Jack Reacher (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 10:35-2:00-3:25-5:00-6:40-8:10-9:55-11:05-12:35
Flight (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 11:50AM
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Se;IMAX: (!) 11:05-3:05-7:05-10:50
Argo (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 11:40AM
Les Miserables (PG-13) CC/DV: (!) 10:20-11:30-12:50-2:30-3:15-4:25-5:20-7:00-8:10-10:20-11:30
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 10:40-3:50-6:15-8:35-10:55
Parental Guidance (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 11:45-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:35
Lincoln (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 9:55-1:00-4:15-7:25-10:35
This Is 40 (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 11:15-2:05-3:00-5:30-6:20-8:25-9:15-11:20-12:15
Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 4:35
Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away 3D (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 10:00-12:05-2:20-6:50-9:10-11:25
Hitchcock (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 11:25AM

VIRGINIA

AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Life of Pi 3D (PG) RealD 3D;Reserved Seating: 11:00-2:00-5:00-11:30
The Guilt Trip (PG-13) Digital Presentation;Reserved Seating: (!) 10:30-1:00-3:30-6:00-8:30-11:00
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D;Reserved Seating: (!) 10:00-11:20-1:50-3:00-5:30-6:40-9:10-10:20
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) Digital Presentation;Reserved Seating: (!) 10:40-2:20-6:00-9:40
Les Miserables (PG-13) Digital Presentation;Reserved Seating: (!) 11:00-12:00-1:00-2:40-3:40-6:20-7:20-8:00-10:00-11:00
Silver Linings Playbook (R) Digital Presentation;Reserved Seating: 10:00-4:30-7:30-10:30

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Life of Pi 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 4:35-10:20
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 1:45-7:25
Life of Pi (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:45AM
Skyfall (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:45-4:05-7:15-10:35
Rise of the Guardians (PG) Digital Presentation: 9:45-2:45
The Guilt Trip (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 9:40-12:05-2:30-4:55-7:30-10:00-12:25
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: (!) 9:05-12:50-4:40-8:30-12:15
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:40-3:30-7:20-11:10
Django Unchained (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 9:30-11:15-1:15-3:00-4:00-5:00-6:45-7:45-8:45-10:30-11:30-12:25
Jack Reacher (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 9:20-11:00-12:30-2:05-5:15-8:25-11:35
Les Miserables (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 9:50-11:10-12:20-1:30-2:50-4:00-5:10-6:30-7:40-8:50-10:10-11:20-12:20
Flight (R) Digital Presentation: 7:45-11:00
Argo (R) Digital Presentation: 9:55AM
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) RealD 3D: (!) 9:10-11:30-1:55-4:25-6:50-9:20-11:50
Silver Linings Playbook (R) Digital Presentation: 11:05-2:15-5:05-8:00-10:55
Rise of the Guardians 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 12:10
Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away 3D (PG) 3D;Digital Presentation: (!) 9:15-11:35-2:00-4:20-6:40-9:05-11:30
This Is 40 (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:25-11:50-1:35-3:05-4:45-6:15-7:55-9:25-11:05-12:30
Lincoln (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 9:00-12:15-3:40-7:05-10:25
Hitchcock (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: 5:20
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey An IMAX 3D Experience in HFR (PG-13) IMAX;RealD 3D: (!) 10:20-2:10-6:00-9:50
Parental Guidance (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:00-11:20-12:35-1:50-3:10-4:30-5:45-7:00-8:15-9:30-10:45-12:00

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
8200 Strawberry Lane

Life of Pi (PG) 10:45AM
Skyfall (PG-13) 1:30-4:30
Argo (R) 7:45-10:20
Django Unchained (R) 10:00-1:20-4:40-8:15-11:35
Les Miserables (PG-13) 9:30-12:45-4:00-7:15-10:30
Silver Linings Playbook (R) 11:50-2:30-5:10-8:00-10:35
Lincoln (PG-13) 10:00-1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40
Barbara (PG-13) 10:50-1:25-4:35-7:20-9:35
Hyde Park on Hudson (R) 2:00-4:45-7:15-9:40
Rust & Bone (De rouille et d'os) (R) 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:55-10:25
Anna Karenina (R) 11:00AM
The Warriors (R) 11:45

Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse
2903 Columbia Pike http://www.arlingtondrafthouse.com/

Looper (R) 9:50
Flight (R) 7:10

Regal Ballston Common 12
671 N. Glebe Road www.regalcinemas.com

Monsters, Inc. (G) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 4:25
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:10
Skyfall (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:30-4:00-7:15-10:30
Rise of the Guardians (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:50-3:40
Argo (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 3:30-6:20-9:10
Django Unchained (R) CC-Closed Captions: (!) 11:50-1:00-3:20-4:20-6:40-7:40-10:00-11:00
Jack Reacher (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 1:10-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:20
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 1:40-7:00-9:30
Lincoln (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:40-4:50-8:00
Parental Guidance (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:25-2:50-5:10-7:25-9:40
Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 4:05
Hyde Park on Hudson (R) CC-Closed Captions: 12:20-3:00-5:20-7:50-10:10
Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away 3D (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 12:00-7:00-9:35
This Is 40 (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:40

Regal Kingstowne 16 & RPX
5910 Kingstowne Towne Center

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) HFR;RPX: (!) 11:30-3:10-6:50-10:25
Lincoln (PG-13) OC-Open Caption: 12:25
Skyfall (PG-13) 11:35-10:00
Rise of the Guardians (PG) 11:55-2:15-4:35
The Guilt Trip (PG-13) (!) 11:25-1:55-4:25-7:50-10:15
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) (!) 5:00
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) 1:15-2:40-6:25-8:45
Django Unchained (R) (!) 11:15-1:40-2:50-5:15-6:35-9:00-10:20
Jack Reacher (PG-13) (!) 11:40-2:55-6:15-7:40-9:20-10:45
Les Miserables (PG-13) (!) 11:00-12:00-2:30-3:30-6:00-7:05-9:30-10:35
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) (!) 11:10-6:30-9:15
Parental Guidance (PG) 11:45-2:20-4:55-8:00-10:40
Silver Linings Playbook (R) 12:45-3:45-6:45
Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away (PG) (!) 4:00
Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away 3D (PG) (!) 1:10-7:15-9:40
This Is 40 (R) 1:00-4:15-7:25-10:30
Lincoln (PG-13) 3:40-7:00-10:10
Monsters, Inc. (G) 1:35-4:05
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) 11:00AM

Regal Potomac Yard 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Highway www.regalcinemas.com

The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) HFR: (!) 10:10-2:00-6:00-9:55
Lincoln (PG-13) OC-Open Caption: 11:05AM
Skyfall (PG-13) 11:30-6:15-9:25
Rise of the Guardians (PG) 11:20-1:50
The Guilt Trip (PG-13) (!) 10:00-12:20-2:45-5:20-7:50-10:30
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) (!) 5:00
The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) 1:00-9:00
Django Unchained (R) (!) 11:10-12:10-2:50-3:50-6:30-7:20-10:10-11:00
Jack Reacher (PG-13) (!) 12:40-3:40-6:40-7:30-9:40-10:25
Flight (R) 4:20
Les Miserables (PG-13) (!) 10:50-11:50-2:30-3:30-6:10-7:10-9:50-10:50
Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) (!) 10:05-12:30-5:30-8:00-10:20
Silver Linings Playbook (R) 1:30-4:40-7:40-10:40
Parental Guidance (PG) 10:35-1:05-3:45-6:20-9:10
Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away (PG) (!) 3:00
Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away 3D (PG) (!) 11:15-1:40-7:00-9:15
Lincoln (PG-13) 2:20-6:05-9:30
This Is 40 (R) 10:00-12:50-4:00-7:00-10:00
Monsters, Inc. (G) 3:05
Life of Pi 3D (PG) (!) 3:55
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) 11:00AM

TV weekend lookout

Take a Trip to Grease

It was inevitable: An entire show about our love of bacon

Food

SUN 10:00

Many cable networks have wandered and wavered from their original plan. The History Channel has never been more popular, and it only occasionally airs series about history. On a recent episode of the soon-to-depart "30 Rock," Liz Lemon jokes about the vulgarity of one of Bravo's "Real Housewives" shows, while her boss, Jack Donaghy, shows his age by musing, "I remember when they used to show opera on Bravo."

Of the many networks to change its stripes, at least the old Planet Green had the honesty to change its name. It's now called Destination America — dedicated, it seems, to domestic travel and to people who travel on their stomachs.

DESTINATION AMERICA

Chef Todd Fisher communes with a stack of bacon at Red Mill Burger.

"United States of Bacon" follows intrepid host and carnivore Todd Fisher as he scours the 50 states for new and unusual meals. He's not celebrating bacon in its usual role as a breakfast side dish served with eggs and toast. He's after people who incorporate bacon into unusual menus, even serving it with ice cream, jam and cocktails.

The 12 episodes of "Bacon" are a spinoff of sorts of "United States of Food." It remains to be seen if bacon alone can sustain a series, but Americans' hunger for the stuff is enormous. Reportedly we consume 1.7 billion pounds a year.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Best Bets

FRI 9:00

Mermaids: The Body Found (ANIMAL) Mermaids have appeared in the folklore of many cultures. Does that mean these half-human, half-fish creatures might be real? In this two-hour special, scientists claim to have discovered the remains of a previously unidentified sea creature with possible ties to our own origins. Computer graphics and animation illustrate this intriguing theory.

FRI 9:00

Say Yes to the Dress (TLC) If you thought finding someone to marry you was hard, just try putting brides-to-be in dresses that everyone can agree on. Randy Fenoli, right, and the gang are back as the beloved series returns to New York's Kleinfeld Bridal salon for its ninth season.

SAT 10:00

Cave of Forgotten Dreams (HIST) Two years ago, renowned eccentric filmmaker Werner Herzog ("Grizzly Man") was given access to France's Chauvet Cave, home to some of the most spectacular prehistoric cave paintings in the world. The result is this documentary, which gives viewers an unprecedented look at the ancient paintings that depict a variety of animals not generally found in Paleolithic art. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Documentary

Dancing to Their Own Drummer

The new documentary "Joffrey: Mavericks of American Dance" (Fri., 9 p.m., PBS) recalls how Robert Joffrey and the company he founded broadened the appeal of ballet by incorporating contemporary music and modern choreography without sacrificing the integrity of the art form. Clips from the Joffrey Ballet's signature works are interspersed with comments from dancers, critics and others. Musical theater veteran (and star of "Homeland") Mandy Patinkin narrates. (TM)

Winter Necessities

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Blog Log

"Had a nightmare about Guy Fieri last night in which he was my hairdresser and give me frosted tips and it was terrible/amazing."

—**@STAMOS** had the Food Network star on her brain Wednesday night.

"Being the 999,999,999th viewer of the Gangnam Style video. #2012regrets"

—**@SCOOTERBEANBAG** hopes to be a more timely YouTube watcher in 2013.

"While Fontella [Bass] never had the type of chart success (not to mention pop crossover) as she did with 'Rescue Me,' there are a number of other great, overlooked records in her discography."

—**DEREKSDAILY45.BLOGSPOT.COM** touts the late singer's "Lucky In Love" as one of her forgotten gems. Bass died Wednesday night at a St. Louis hospice of complications from a heart attack.

"So, yeah, demanding that the White House clap David Gregory in irons is kind of dumb. Let's instead focus on the real villains, like CNN blabber Piers Morgan. A petition calling for his deportation back to the United Kingdom has garnered more than 82,000 signatures."

— Benjamin R. Freed at **DCIST.COM** thinks the petition craze has gotten a bit out of control, citing a new one calling on the White House to push for charges against the "Meet the Press" host over a segment in which Gregory held up a high-capacity ammunition magazine. D.C. police are investigating.

"The most memorable moment of Deron Williams' career is signing a contract on an iPad — it's amazing he's gotten two respected coaches fired"

—**@CJZERO** was surprised to see that the Brooklyn Nets fired head coach Avery Johnson on Wednesday, after a 14-14 start to the season.

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Horoscope

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What lies beneath the surface is surely worth investigating, but certain aspects of it are likely to remain hidden long after today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You're far more focused on quality than quantity at this time, but you mustn't overlook the possibility that you could run out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may experience something of a scare as the day begins, but you mustn't let this spook you while you settle down to work.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Once you get started, you're not going to want to stop, even for routine pleasures you look forward to. Focus your energies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What you do trying to help another may actually work against him or her in the long run. You will both want to come up with another way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll find yourself playing the waiting game, and the person with whom you are competing is used to lying in wait, so be ready!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The same old thing isn't likely to do it for you today, no matter who suggests it to you. You're in the mood to reinvent yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're getting all the expected signals from someone with whom you're negotiating, but the outcome isn't likely to be what is anticipated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're at the end of something while someone close to you is just beginning. It's a good day to meet in the middle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Don't worry about the distances you have to travel; what's important is that you plan your trip so that you reach your destination.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may be unclear about another's motives, while he or she may be in doubt about your methods. Explanations are due.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) It's a good day to mount a fact-finding expedition of sorts today. What you have to find out will surely affect everyone involved.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 205

							Double Word Score	RACK 1
A1	E1	O1	C3	N1	M3	R1		
								RACK 2
E1	I1	O1	L1	M3	M3	R1		
							2nd Letter Triple	RACK 3
E1	I1	O1	G2	L1	N1	B3		
								RACK 4
A1	E1	T1	T1	C3	R1	R1		

Yesterday's Solution

T1	O1	I1	L1	E1	T1		RACK 1 =	6
F4	E1	D2	E1	R1	A1	L1	RACK 2 =	63
C3	A1	R1	R1	Y4	O1	N1	RACK 3 =	62
H4	O1	S1	T1	A1	G2	E1	RACK 4 =	83
PAR SCORE 140-150							TOTAL	214

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. Seven-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

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	1				9			
5		2					1	

Yesterday's Solution

1	3	2	9	7	5	8	6	4
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4	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	5
2	5	3	7	4	6	9	1	8
9	1	8	5	2	3	7	4	6
6	7	1	3	5	9	4	8	2
8	2	5	4	1	7	6	9	3
3	4	9	2	6	8	5	7	1

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

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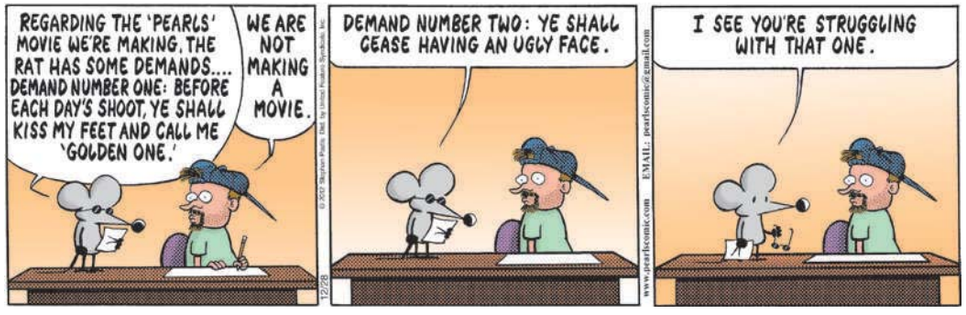

Forecast

42 | 32

Today: Partly sunny today. A bit of snow toward dawn tonight.

37 | 30

Tomorrow: Snow, rain mix, 1-3 inches tomorrow. Mostly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
42 | 28	42 | 34	44 | 27

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:26 a.m.
Sunset today: 4:54 p.m.
Moonrise today: 5:29 p.m.
Moonset today: 7:20 a.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 44
Record high: 72
Normal low: 30
Record low: 2

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Crossword

CRUNCHING ABS

ACROSS

1 Aussie gems
6 Boot bottom
10 Sheep noises
14 Diamond measure
15 Avian singer
16 Marine eagle
17 Flatteners of 58-Across
19 King of beasts
20 Word with "bitter" or "winter"
21 Russian spacecraft series
22 Not on the waterfront
24 Sleeping accommodations
26 Devious maneuver
27 Land of the Grand Old Flag
28 Spawning
32 Where to find everyone
35 Emotion of the miffed
36 "Li'l Abner" character Hawkins
37 ___ gum (food thickening agent)
38 Word before a maiden name
39 Dudley Do-Right's damsel
40 Projecting window
42 Singer Fogelberg
43 Ultimate heights
44 Made an obeisant bow
46 Arrival-board word
47 The most important point
48 Write again from scratch, as a proposal
52 Tropical fly
55 It'll slice bologna and cut the mustard
56 Org. once helmed by Helms
57 Planning to vote no
58 Autos' emergency replacements
61 "The kissing disease," for short
62 "Peyton Place" actress Wood
63 For all to see
64 Majestic swimmer
65 Tehran is its capital
66 Use different Clairol

DOWN

1 Base eight system
2 Sao ___, Brazil
3 Packing, say
4 On the ___ (fleeing)
5 Fashionable
6 Went around, in baseball
7 Dangerous marine creature
8 Albanian coin
9 Put away, as fodder
10 Finger-cymbal clanger
11 Opera solo
12 Any minute
13 Drop in the mailbox
18 Salad type
23 Negative words
25 Intuitive feeling
26 Get gussied up
28 Communion offering
29 Bibliography word
30 Yellowish-green
31 Congeals
32 Some may be gigantic
33 Distinctive atmosphere
34 Racetrack fence
35 Back-of-the-book section
41 TV hubby of Phyllis
43 One who keeps work in balance?
45 Granola's cousin
46 Proofreader's mark
48 Aired again, as an old episode
49 Having land
50 Raging-hot
51 There's no accounting for it
52 Highland hats
53 "___ Falling on Cedars" (Guterson novel)
54 Sicilian volcano
55 "Diff'rent Strokes" actress Plato
59 Standard score on a golf course
60 "If ___ told you once ..."

Yesterday's Solution

B	R	U	I	N		E	G	A	D		A	N	T	S
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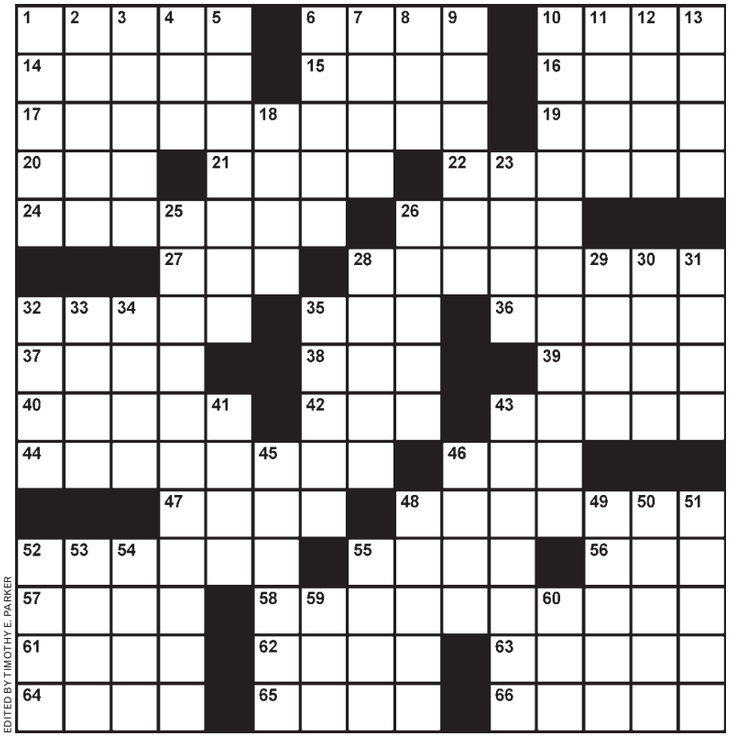

Samurai Sudoku

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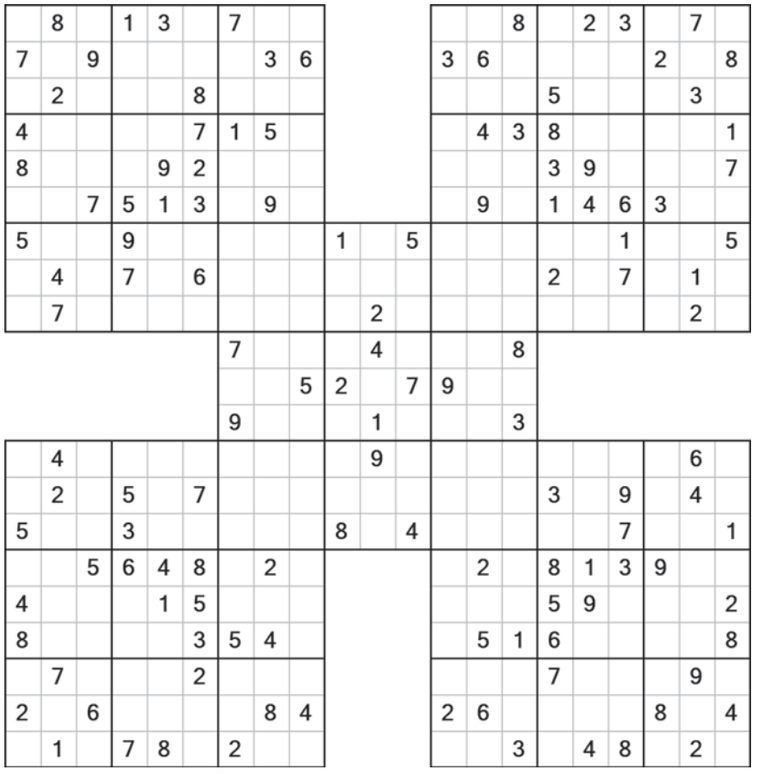
Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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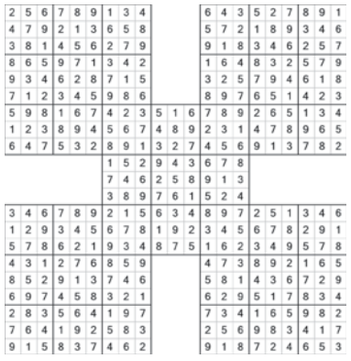
Last Week's Solution



Today in History

1612 Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei observes the planet Neptune but mistakes it for a star. (Neptune wasn't officially discovered until 1846 by Johann Gottfried Galle.)

1832 John C. Calhoun becomes the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down because of differences with President Andrew Jackson.

1945 Congress officially recognizes the Pledge of Allegiance.

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ROMCOMS

The Movie Based on This Should Be Called 'Espresso Your Love'

Patrick Dempsey says he wants to rescue a coffeehouse chain and more than 500 jobs. The "Grey's Anatomy" star said Wednesday he's leading a group attempting to buy Tully's Coffee, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in October. Dempsey said he's excited about the chance to help hundreds of workers and give back to Seattle. (AP)

BODY IMAGE

Fan Never Guessed an Innocent Pun Would Cause Such Emotional Distress

Kelly Clarkson is dissatisfied with her breasts, according to Showbiz Spy. "I dream daily of a boob job," the recently engaged singer said. "I really want one. But I'm so scared; I would never do it." She said a fan sent her a giant bra emblazoned with the phrase "We Support You" — "I only dream I could fill [it]," she said of the gift. (EXPRESS)

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Though Clarkson laughed, she was already plotting to steal Ciara's boobs.

Dirtbag Digest

'OK, Y'all, the Last One Is True'

Kevin Federline's brother Christopher filed court papers Dec. 18 alleging that he is the "true father" of Sean Preston, Federline's son with Britney Spears, according to Radar Online. He also said Spears stole his credit card to buy more than $4,500 worth of comic books and that she made fun of his penis. A judge dismissed the case. (EXPRESS)

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MRS. ROCKNROLL

Name the Firstborn 'ILove'

Kate Winslet has tied the knot again. The Oscar-winning actress wed Ned Rocknroll in New York earlier this month. The private ceremony was attended by Winslet's two children as well as a few friends and family members, her representative said Thursday. It is the third marriage for Winslet, 37. Rocknroll, 34, who was born Abel Smith, is a nephew of billionaire Virgin Group founder Richard Branson. (AP)

HAPPY NEWS

First Dance Jam: 'Mrs. Al Mana If You're Nasty'

Janet Jackson is engaged to Wissam Al Mana, a Qatari billionaire. The couple met in Dubai in 2010, and Al Mana called Jackson his "dream woman" in November, according to Us Weekly. Jackson, 46, and Al Mana, 37, are planning a wedding that "will cost millions," according to a source, and it will take place in Qatar in the spring. (EXPRESS)

"I'll have more. I have a tattoo gun. I give tattoos as well."

—KE$HA, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH BANG SHOWBIZ ABOUT HER TATTOOS. SHE SAYS SHE CONSIDERS EACH OF HER NUMEROUS TATTOOS A "SCAR" AND A SYMBOL OF HER LIFE.

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